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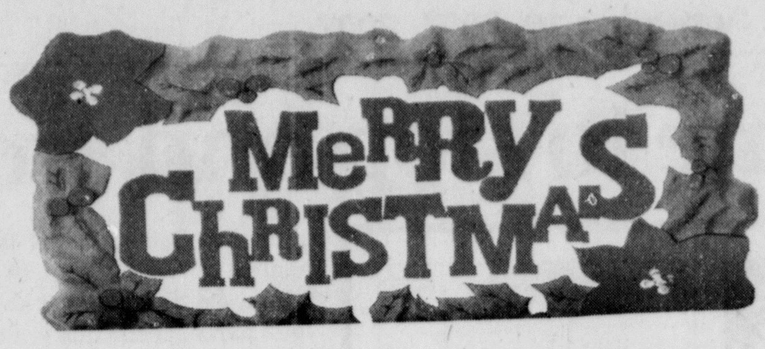

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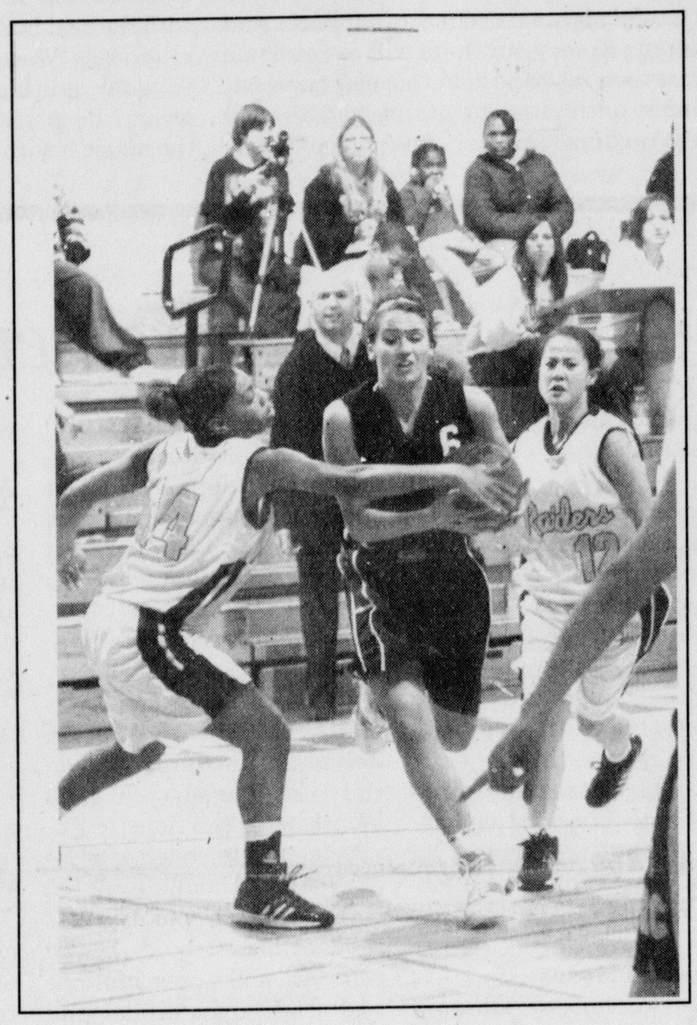
The visiting team

Girls high school basketball team from New Zealand pays a call to River City's home court

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor



River City Raiders Victoria Turner (left) and Crystal Vue (right) take on one of their rivals from overseas, in Friday night's game at RCHS. Coach Jamie King looks on.

Below: Raiders (in white, left to right) Jodean Hernandez, Crystal Vue and Victoria Turner in a struggle for a rebound.

(News-Ledger photos)

The River City High School girls basketball team hosted some guests from another hemisphere last week.

A team from New Zealand dropped in on part of a California tour. The visiting "Kiwis" played the RCHS Raiders in a tournament on Friday – and made some new friends while serving as houseguests in West Sacramento homes during their stay.

Raider sophomore Savannah Gully and her family hosted a pair of the team members from Sacred Heart College Prep school (an all-girls' prep school) in her home. They did about what girls do when other girls sleep over.

"One of my teammates, Kayla, brought over a couple of them who were staying with her, named Reya and Lucy. I had Ashley and Sam," reports Savannah. "We watched movies and ate a whole bunch of junk food."

Savannah said the Americans were fascinated by the visitors' accents, and by the different names by which they called some things.

"They called candy 'lolly,' and things like that," said Savannah.

But the New Zealanders were already familiar with American movies:

"We were walking through Blockbuster, and they were like, yeah, I've seen that movie, and it's great. At home, they have New Zealand movies they watch, and also American movies."

As for food, "we tried to let them try things they didn't have at home," said Savannah. "They liked (Hostess) Ho-Hos. One of the girls liked hot Cheetos."

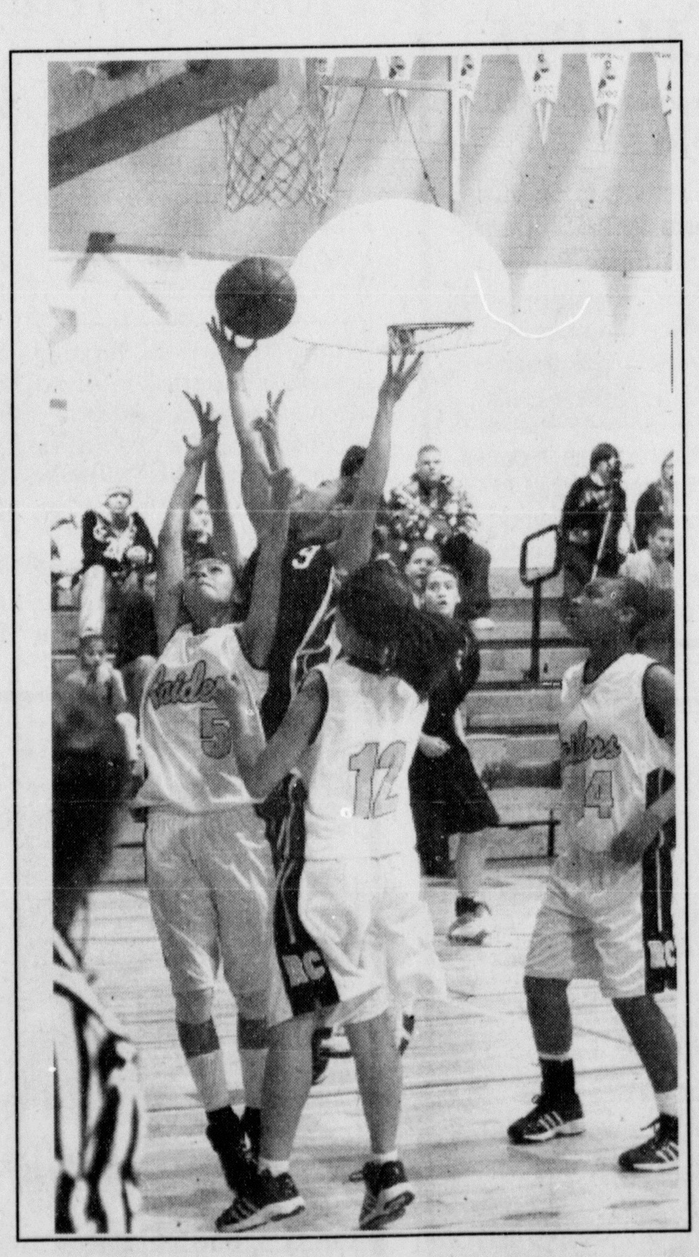
What did the visitors think of American boys?

"They thought our varsity boys team had the most gorgeous guys – it was funny," said Savannah.

Does she think any of the new friends will keep in touch across the ocean?

"They said that over there, they have 'Bebo' instead of 'MySpace," she answered, referring to the internet social networking sites used by a lot of young people. "We gave and exchanged information."

Savannah said she hopes it is possible that the Raider squad can return the visit – perhaps accomplishing the fundraising needed for a basketball trip to New Zealand.



The local squad got the better of the visitors on the basketball floor Friday night, but Raider Coach Jamie

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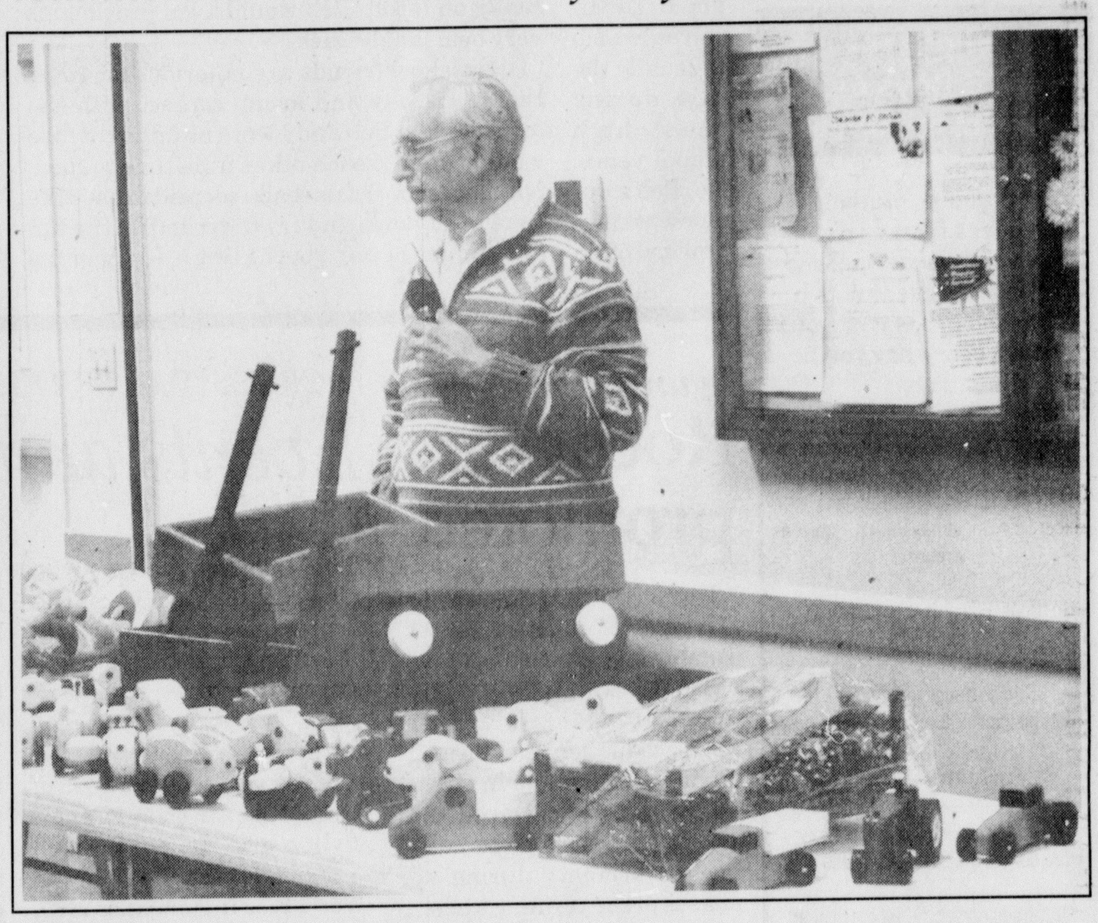
Helping Santa

Volunteers turn out hundreds of old-fashioned wooden toys



West Sacramento's Bob Curnow was one of the 'Sacramento Area Woodworkers' club that helped make about 1,800 toys this year. The toys went to the Salvation Army, which will distribute them along with baskets of food for Christmas.

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

It must be a little like Santa's workshop: members of the Sacramento Area Woodworkers Club gather annually at a Folsom Boulevard woodworking store and fire up an assembly line that produces hundreds of solid wood toys for little kids.

One of them is West Sacramento's Bill Sjurson.

"Mostly, we made small cars," said Sjurson. "We have a regular production line going on over there. We get wood remnants from a Sacramento lumber company – they give us end cuts of 2 X 12s. The first guy uses a decal to draw the picture of the car on the wood. From there it goes to people who work on band saws and saber saws. They cut out the cars. Next, it goes to the router, and the rough edges are routed off. The next guy drills holes for the axles, and the next guy installs the wheels. That pretty well shapes it up. Then it goes to Tole Painting to be painted."

By the time the club members finished their assembly-line work and their home workshop efforts this year, they had completed 1,800 toys. The bounty went to the Salvation Army for Christmas distribution.

In this age of digital toys and video games, what do kids think of these old-fashioned wooden toys?

"They just love 'em," answered Sjurson. "It's something they can get down on the floor with and roll around. They're made strong enough that they don't break apart, like plastic toys."

And in this year of rampant toy product recalls, the hobbyists work is safe, he added:

"We don't use lead paint, either."

Rotary Club passing out 700 free dictionaries to schoolkids

On December 7th, the Centennial Rotary Club of West Sacramento delivered dictionaries to third grade students at Our Lady of Grace School and Holy Cross School. Each student received their own dictionary to keep and use.

In early 2008, the Rotary Club of West Sacramento will be delivering dictionaries to 4th grade students in the local public schools. The two West Sacramento Rotary clubs will deliver over 700 dictionaries in the West Sacramento and Clarksburg area within the next couple of months.

Rotary District 5180, which extends from Oroville to Elk Grove (north to south) and from West Sacramento to Auburn (west to east) will be giving away more than 10,000 dictionaries to third and forth graders throughout the district.

Early deadline

The News-Ledger has an unusually early deadline for next week's edition. The Christmas Eve and Christmas holidays fall on Monday and Tuesday (when we usually go to press), and our printer plans to give his staff the time off.

So the News-Ledger will go to press before the weekend. All submissions need to be in by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20, to be considered for the Dec. 26 issue.

Take a little time to stop and smell the roses

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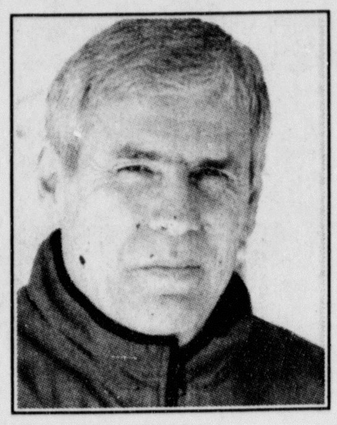

By Daryl Fisher

Note: This past week, Bob Watts, a childhood friend of mine who grew up with me in West Sacramento, lost his long and courageous battle with cancer. The following column, which I wrote about Bob in 2003, is reprinted below in his memory.

When I was attending West Sacramento's James Marshall High School back in the 1960s, I had a friend by the name of Bob Watts. He was a lot smarter than me and most of my other friends (although his grades didn't always reflect that fact) and he always seemed to be doing something that I wished I could do, like teaching himself how to play the guitar, or endearing himself to a pretty girl (and later in life, flying his own airplane). Most remarkable of all, though, was Bob's wonderful sense of humor. Nobody could make me laugh like Bob Watts, and it was hard to be around him without making a fool of myself. And it wasn't your typical adolescent, bathroom humor, either. Nor was it mean-spirited or intended to cause anyone to feel bad about themselves, which is usually the case during one's high school years. No, Bob's humor was cerebral and often even self-deprecating, which was indeed pretty unique back then, especially considering the fact that none of his friends, including me, could have told you what either one of those two words meant. And best of all, when he was really on a roll, Bob would even provide his very own laugh track.

High school friends are notorious for going their own way and losing contact with one another, and Bob and I were no different. We would run into each other from time to time, but neither one of us really seemed to have the time to sit down and try to recapture the fun and games of our youth. But a few months ago, with Bob suddenly fighting for his life against one of those really nasty kinds of leukemia, he showed up at an old friend's house for a party specifically put together to remind him of how highly his old high school friends still think of him. And even though chemotherapy had thinned his hair and sapped much of his legendary energy, his unique sense of humor was still very much alive and well, making everyone laugh, and the night couldn't have been more fun.

All too often in this life, we forget to make time for those special people (be they family or friends) who enrich our short time on this earth. We often even forget to appreciate life itself. And with that in mind, I want to share with you the following few paragraphs (author unknown), and maybe they will help remind you, as they did me, that this is all free time, and that the moments spent with the Bob Watts' of our lives are what give meaning to our march:

Too many people put off something that brings them joy because they haven't thought about it, or don't have it on their schedule, or didn't know it was coming, or are too rigid to depart from their routine. Think about all those slightly overweight men and women on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. And how many women out there will eat at home because their husband didn't suggest going out to dinner until after something had already been thawed out? And how often have your kids dropped by for a visit and sat in silence while you watched 'Jeopardy' or some other program on television? I cannot count the times I called a friend and said, "How about going to lunch in a half hour?" She would gasp and stammer, "I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday because I had a late breakfast today. It looks like rain." Well, she died a few years ago and we never did have that lunch together.

Because Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect. We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Stevie toilet-trained. We'll start entertaining when we replace the living-room carpet. We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get one more kid through college. We'll touch base with that special old friend some other day when we have enough time to really relax and chat.

Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of "I'm going to," "I plan on," "Someday, when things are settled down a bit."

Do you run through each day on the fly? And when the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift -- thrown away. Life is not a race. Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over.

Who's the '12 Days of Christmas' Bandit?

Are you a 'victim'?
Readers from all over town are wondering who brings a present with a note, and drops it at your house every day for 12 days!

'Twas 12 days before Christmas
and all through the house
not a creature was stirring
except the Christmas Bandit -- quiet as a mouse!

He drops off a present with a note on each day
Ever so sneaky, just like child's play
Is he naughty or nice?
He's just out for fun, but at your price!

WHo could it be, friend or a foe?
12 days later -- soon you will know.
All over town is what people say
Here comes the Bandit for a little play!

He comes each day just out of sight
Watch out for the Bandit!
And to all a good night!

In uniform:

Rochester promoted

Navy Seaman Apprentice Garette Rochester, son of Tammy Rochester of West Sacramento, was recently promoted to his current rank upon graduation from Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. He received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle.

Rochester is a 2004 graduate of Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento.

'ACROSS THE BRIDGE':

Events around the West Sacramento region

Vintage car lecture
Bill Millard will speak on the subject of "Falling Stars: The Depression's Gorgeous Casualties" on December 19th at 7 p.m. at the Towe Auto Museum, located at 2200 Front Street in Sacramento. The lecture will cover a generation of legendary cars know for their styling and charisma which were made between 1925 and World War II. Admission is $7.

Take a walk
The Sacramento Walking Sticks will be hosting two walks for fun, fitness and friendship on December 31st and January 1st. The events will start at the Pioneer House on 415 P Street in Sacramento. There will be a 5K and 10K route available on both days. All the walks are on city streets around downtown Sacramento and are open to everyone. For more information call 364-5063.

Watercolor exhibit
The Sacramento Fine Arts Center will host the American Watercolor Society Traveling Exhibition from January 6 through February 5, 2008. Forty paintings executed by artists from all over the United States will be on display. The Sacramento Fine Arts Center is located at 5330-B, Gibbons Drive in Carmichael. For more information call 971-3713.

Grandma Moses
The Crocker Art Museum will be displaying works of Grandma Moses until January 6, 2008. Her nostalgic scenes of rural and family life have captured hearts and imaginations around the world for decades. The museum is located at 216 O Street in Downtown Sacramento. For information about admission costs and museum hours, call 264-5423 or visit crockerartmuseum.org.

Down syndrome information
The Down Syndrome Information Alliance Education Series features programs on the first Tuesday of each month with the hope of improving the knowledge of individuals and families affected by Down syndrome. Experts in education, advocacy, health care, etc., make presentations and a free light dinner and childcare is provided. The Down Syndrome Information Alliance meets at the Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L Street in Sacramento. For more information, call 658-1686 or visit www.downsyndromeinfo.org.

Alzheimer's society meets
The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in December at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet
The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

For more information, call 972-9722.

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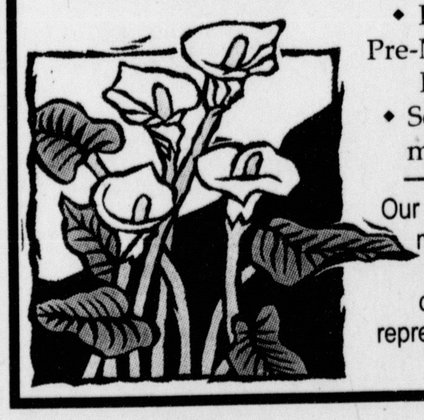

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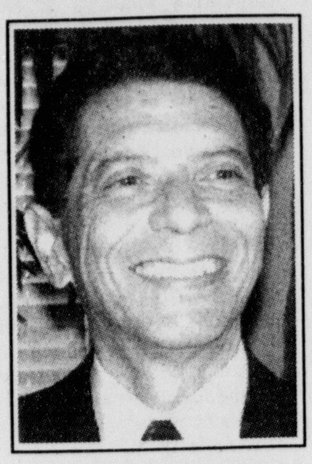

By Richard Novoa

So now that the Mitchell report is out in the open what are the Major Baseball owners, executives and the players powerful union going to do? Who's to blame for the widespread use of steroids and HGH in America's favorite pastime? Could former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell 20-month investigation leave an asterisk in the Cooperstown Hall of Fame?

Major League Baseball has rethought their drug policies since 2005 but what about all the damage to player's bodies and those precious baseball records that were broken. If you really think about it many of the players named in the report are out of baseball after suffering career-ending injuries. Former National League MVP, Ken Caminiti, died in 1996 from an overdose of drugs but he did admit to steroid use during his MVP season.

Remember, Mark McGwire had to retire with bad knees and untouchable ex-Dodgers closer, Eric Gagne, blew out his arm but still managed to play this year after Tommy John's elbow surgery. What about Sacramento player, Fernando Vina, who just admitted he used HGH to recover from injuries and Yankee's pitcher Andy Pettitte, who also admitted using HGH to recover from an elbow injury in 2002.

So what does baseball do about the numerous home run and pitching records that were shattered Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Roger Clemens, Eric Gagne, and the Home Run King Barry Bonds? Did Jason Giambi, Rafael Palmeiro, Gary Sheffield, Jose Canseco, Juan Gonzales, Mo Vaughn, and Miguel Tejada all use steroids or HGH in 1998/99 when all ML home run records and RBI records were broken?

Well, maybe commissioner, Bud Selig, will go back in time and see which players, who were allegedly on drugs, and deleted their strike outs records or maybe he can erase the RBI totals, stolen bases from players that confessed to their use of drugs, which wasn't illegal at the time!

What about the players that weren't caught or didn't make Mitchell's famous report that he was paid $20 millions for his services? Anyway, I wouldn't want the commissioners job but that's why they pay him the big bucks.

Kings Korner

The Kings (9-14) finally got the monkey off their back with a convincing win 109-99 on the road in Philadelphia. Brad Miller had 25 points and 10 rebounds and Mikki Moore tied his career-high with 24 points, as the Kings became the final NBA team to win a road game.

This week the Kings finish up their 5-game road trip with games in New Jersey on Tuesday followed by a back-to-back contest on Wednesday (5 p.m.-CSN) with Milwaukee. The Kings will return to their friendly confines of the Arco Arena on Sunday night to play against Allen Iverson and Carmelo Anthony's Denver Nuggets.

NFL Week 16

The NFL enters into the final two weeks of the regular season and the playoff picture is still not quite clear yet with New Orleans, Minnesota and Washington battling for the final NFC wild card spot. In the AFC, the Steelers and Browns are tied for the North but Pittsburgh holds the tiebreaker after beating the Browns twice this season. Buffalo and Tennessee are on Santa Claus's playoff list and he's checking it twice to see who's been naughty or nice.

The Niners (4-10) surprised their fans with a 20-13 win at home against Cincinnati last week but are 7-point underdogs this Sunday at home against playoff bound Tampa Bay.

Niners third string quarterback, Shaun Hill, played outstanding football in his first start of his 6-year professional career. Quick note, the 49ers game was originally scheduled for a 5 p.m. start has been moved up to a 1 p.m. kickoff.

The Raiders (4-10) held their own in a close 21-14 loss against Peyton Manning and the Colts last Sunday but they only used their No. 1 QB prospect, JaMarcus Russell, for only a few plays. Management had promised their fans they would get to see Russell in action but the Raiders were actually beating the Colts 14-13 with 4 minutes left to play so they held back the young rookie for this Sunday's game in Jacksonville (-13) at 10 a.m. on channel 13.

Aztec's Picks

The Dog is on fire winning all four NFL picks for the second week in row and this week the Canine is dr over the Cowboys (-1 Saturday night in Ca and on Sunday A Brownies (-3) will cor their push to win the North division title with in Cincy. The Saints (- have a tough time wit Eagles but these guy playoff bound and on M night San Diego (-9) will off the Broncos season.

Enjoy your day – see y week!

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MUSIC: What was the name of the song made famous in 1963 by a singing nun?
2. MEASUREMENTS: What does a dyne measure?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The International Monetary Fund is an agency of what organization?
4. MEDICINE: What part of the body is affected by Bell's Palsy?
5. ASTRONOMY: The constellation known as Vulpecula in Latin translates to what in English?
6. MUSIC: What is the meaning of the musical term "marziale"?
7. LITERATURE: Who wrote the horror/suspense short-story collection titled "Night Shift"?
8. COMICS: What is Dennis the Menace's last name?
9. PSYCHOLOGY: What kind of fear is represented by gymnophobia?
10. TELEVISION: What state was the setting for "The Andy Griffith Show"?

Answers

1. "Dominique"
2. Force
3. United Nations
4. The face
5. Little Fox
6. In a military style
7. Stephen King
8. Mitchell
9. Fear of being naked
10. North Carolina

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Man cannot remake himself without suffering, for he is both the marble and the sculptor.
—Dr. Alexis Carrel

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We either make ourselves miserable, or we make ourselves strong. The amount of work is the same.
—Carlos Castaneda

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Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. Detroit's Denny McLain was the last major-league pitcher to win 30-plus games in a season in 1968. How many games did he win?
2. Who was the last hitter to lead the American League in batting average for a season and also hit at least 40 homers that same season?
3. Joe Paterno set a record in 2007 for most seasons as head coach at one school (42 years at Penn State). Whose mark did he break?
4. Since the NBA started using points-per-game average in 1970 to decide the season's scoring leader, who has recorded the highest average in a season while finishing in second place for that season's scoring title?
5. Name the last NHL team to reach the Stanley Cup Finals and lose one season, only to make it back to the Finals the next season?
6. Which country is the defending champion in men's Olympic soccer?
7. Name the female golfer who holds the mark for being the oldest player to make the cut at an LPGA event.

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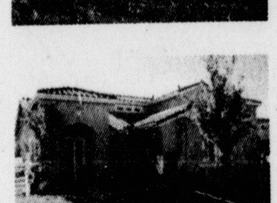
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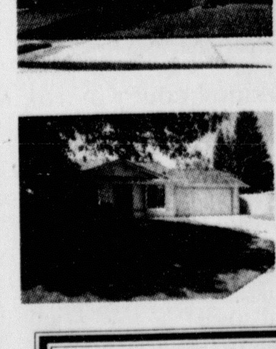
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Answers to puzzles (p. 8) and Sports Quiz (p. 3)

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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Differences: 1. Snowman is added. 2. Boy's hat is black. 3. Girl's hair is different. 4. Background hills are missing. 5. Tree is added on right. 6. Boy's left arm is hidden.

Go Figure!
answers

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1. He won 31 games that season.
2. Carl Yastrzemski hit .326 with 44 home runs in 1967.
3. Amos Alonzo Stagg spent 41 seasons at the University of Chicago.
4. Allen Iverson averaged 33 points per game for Philadelphia in 2005-06, but Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers won the scoring title, averaging 35.4 points per game.
5. The Edmonton Oilers lost in the Stanley Cup Finals in 1983 and won the Stanley Cup in 1984.
6. Argentina won the gold medal in 2004.
7. JoAnne Carner was 64 when she made the cut at an LPGA event in 2004.

KIWIS from p. 1

are very good, and might have been suffering from fatigue when they played in West Sacramento. The visitors were on part of a busy basketball tour, headed next to Southern California and Disneyland.

It also might not have helped that they basically had a slumber party the night before the game.

"They stayed up and talked to each other about their culture," said King. "The New Zealand girls were intrigued by cookie dough ice cream, and we took them to Jamba Juice, and that was new to them. The girls were also treated to a barbecue lunch by a company planning to open a franchise Down Under.

"And all of our kids were fascinated by the way they talked," added King. "One of the girls asked what kind of animals they had over there. The girl answered 'shape.' It took a while to figure out she meant 'sheep'!"

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• As the races for the presidential nomination in both political parties heat up, it's interesting to consider that it was the 33rd president of the United States, Harry Truman, who made the following observation: "All the President is, is a glorified public-relations man who spends his time flattering, kissing and kicking people to get them to do what they are supposed to do anyway."

• Some parental organizations, disturbed my the promotion of theft they perceive in Hamburglar, are working on getting the McDonald's chain of fast-food restaurants to remove the character.

• At some point in your life you've probably gotten your hands gooey with papier-mâché, whether you were making crafts yourself or helping your kids. You may not have realized, though, that the term "papier-mâché" means "chewed-up paper" in French.

• How would you like to be a cockroach researcher? Not an appealing thought, I imagine (certainly not for me!). They do exist, though, and one of the leading areas of research is in the synthesis of female cockroach pheromones. Yes, you read that right. Researchers are hoping to use the pheromones to lure male cockroaches into traps.

• Next time you're in Georgia, you might consider heading to Zebulon, a small town of a little more than 1,000 people. If you're lucky, your visit will coincide with the annual Pimiento Festival. Yes, the town holds a festival dedicated to the little red bits stuffed inside olives. While you're there, you might even be fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of the Pimiento Queen.

• According to a poll conducted in 1999, nearly 6 percent of the population of the United States believes that the first manned moon landing was staged by the government.

• The kaleidoscope was invented in the 1800s, and the inventor had some difficulty in coming up with a name. Finally, he decided to take the name from Greek words meaning "look at beautiful forms."

• It was Elbert Hubbard, American writer, publisher, artist and philosopher, who made the following sage observation: "Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped."

• If you paid attention in grammar school, you know that Theodore Roosevelt was the 26th president of the United States. You may not know, however, that he was the youngest person ever to become president; he was 42 years old and the vice president when President William McKinley was assassinated in 1901. It's also likely you are unaware of the fact that Roosevelt was the first American to be awarded the Nobel Prize, in 1906. Also in 1906, he traveled to Panama to see firsthand how construction on the Panama Canal was going; that trip distinguished him as the first American president to leave the country while in office.

Thought for the Day: "To read a newspaper is to refrain from reading something worthwhile. The first discipline of education must therefore be to refuse resolutely to feed the mind with canned chatter." — *Aleister Crowley*

Salome's Stars

what you see.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time for reunions with those very special people from your past. You could be pleasantly surprised by what comes to light during one of these get-togethers.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The new year gets off to an encouraging start for the Bold Bovine who takes that demanding workplace challenge by the horns and steers it in the right direction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The clever Gemini will be quick to spot the telltale signs of workplace changes that could open up new opportunities for the right person. (And that's you, isn't it?)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's post-holiday letdown soon lifts as you begin to get back into your comfortable routine. Someone from your past extends a surprise bid to reconnect.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You've been the ultimate social Lion over the holidays. Now it's time to relax and recharge your energy so you can be at your best when you pounce on that new project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship could be moving in a direction you might not want to follow. Step back for a better overview of the situation. You might be surprised at

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Emotions rule at the start of the week, affecting your perception about a decision. Best advice: Avoid commitments until that good Libran sense kicks back in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A longtime friendship could take a romantic turn early in the new year. While this pleases your passionate side, your logical self might want to go slow.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone might make a surprising disclosure about a trusted friend or workplace colleague. Stay cool and reserve judgment until you get more facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might think you've found what you've been looking for. But appearances can be deceiving. Don't act on your discovery until you know more about it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're no doubt anxious for that confusing situation to be cleared up. But don't press for a quick resolution or you might overlook some vital facts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Now that your holiday distractions are easing, you need to apply yourself to getting those unfinished tasks done so you can begin a new project with a clean slate.

BORN THIS WEEK: People respect both your wisdom and your deep sense of loyalty and compassion.

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COUNTY OF YOLO

County of Yolo,Plaintiff,v.ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER of the Issuance and Sale of Bonds for the Purpose of Refunding Certain Obligations that the County of Yolo Owes to the Public Employees Retirement System Arising Under PERS Contract and the Public Employees Retirement Law, and Certain Proceedings Leading Thereto, Including the Adoption of a Resolution that Authorizes the Issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds and the Execution and Delivery of a Trust Agreement Relating to the Issuance of Such Bonds,Defendants.
CASE NO. CV07-2673

SUMMONS

EXEMPT from filing fees per Govt. Code § 6103.

NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 21, 2008, WHICH IS TEN (10) DAYS OR MORE AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

AVISO! USTED HA SIDO DEMANDADO. EL TRIBUNAL PUEDE DECIDIR CONTRA USTED SIN AUDIENCIA A MENOS QUE USTED RESPONDA NO MAS TARDE QUE EL DIA 21 DE ENERO DE 2008, QUE ES DIEZ (10) DIAS O MAS DESPUES DE TERMINACION DE PUBLICACION DE ESTA CITACION JUDICIAL. LEA LA INFORMACION QUE SIGUE.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER of the Issuance and Sale of Bonds for the Purpose of Refunding Certain Obligations that the County of Yolo Owes to the Public Employees Retirement System Arising Under PERS Contract and the Public Employees Retirement Law, and Certain Proceedings Leading Thereto, Including the Adoption of a Resolution that Authorizes the Issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds and the Execution and Delivery of a Trust Agreement Relating to the Issuance of Such Bonds:

Plaintiff has filed a civil complaint against you. You may contest the validity of the above matter by appearing and filing with the Court a written responsive pleading to the complaint not later January 21, 2008, which is ten (10) days or more after the completion of the publication of this summons. Your pleading must be in the form required by the California Rules of Court. Your original pleading must be filed in this Court with proper filing fees and proof that a copy thereof was served on Plaintiff's attorney. Unless you so respond, your default will be entered upon Plaintiff's application, and the Plaintiff may apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Persons who contest the validity of the matter described below and in the complaint will not be subject to punitive action, such as wage garnishment or seizure of their real or personal property.

You may obtain a copy of the Summons and Complaint in this matter by making a written request to counsel for the Plaintiff.

DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE MATTER THAT PLAINTIFF SEEKS TO VALIDATE:

The County provides its employees with a retirement plan under the requirements of the Public Employees Retirement Law, California Government Code section 20000 *et seq.* (the "Retirement Law"), pursuant to a contract, as amended from time to time (the "PERS Contract"), it has entered into with the Public Employees Retirement System (the "System"). The Retirement Law obligates the County, among other things, to: (a) make annual contributions to the System; (b) amortize the unfunded accrued actuarial liability of the County, which is the liability that has accrued but which the County has not yet paid to the System (the unfunded liability, hereinafter, the "Pension Obligation"); and (c) appropriate funds to meet these obligations.

The County currently must pay the System interest on the Pension Obligation at the rate of seven and three quarters percent per annum. The County understands and believes that, in the current market, it can issue taxable bonds at an interest rate of less than seven and three quarters percent per annum. Thus, the County can realize a substantial savings by issuing bonds, using the proceeds to refund its Pension Obligation, and thereby pay a lower interest rate on the bonds than the rate it would otherwise have to pay to the System.

On August 8, 2007, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") which authorized and approved the issuance and sale of the Pension Obligation Bonds for the purpose of refunding the Pension Obligation, and to pay costs of issuance, underwriter's discount, and original issue discount, if any, in connection with the Pension Obligation Bonds. The County also approved and authorized the issuance and sale of Additional Bonds from time to time in the future for similar purposes. The Pension Obligation Bonds will be in an aggregate principal amount which shall not exceed the principal amount of the Pension Obligation plus any underwriter's discount, original issue discount, and costs of issuance related to the Pension Obligation Bonds, and will mature not later than thirty years from the date of issuance.

The County filed this validation action to obtain a judicial declaration of the validity of the matters alleged in the County's complaint and described herein. In this action, the County seeks a judgment from the Court that, among other things, all proceedings by and for the County in connection with the Resolution, the Pension Obligation Bonds and any Additional Bonds, the Trust Agreement, and the other related agreements authorized by the County, were, are and will be valid, legal and binding, and were, are and will be in conformity with the applicable provisions of all laws and enactments at any time in force or controlling upon such proceedings, whether imposed by law, constitution, or statute.

YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY IN ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THE COMPLAINT OR THIS SUMMONS. SUCH ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED PROMPTLY SO THAT YOUR PLEADING MAY BE FILED OR ENTERED WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY THIS SUMMONS.

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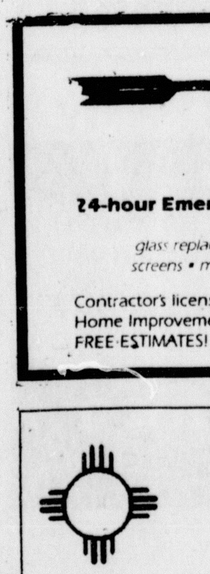

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POLICE LOG

Dec. 13, 7:56 p.m.
A 41-year old West Capitol woman was detained for shoplifting at an Ikea Court store. In her possession were a driver's license and credit cards not belonging to her.

Dec. 13, 6 a.m.
A construction company reported that someone stole 143 sheets of plywood roof sheathing from a site on Round Hill Court.

Dec. 14, 2:55 a.m.
An unknown suspect pulled a gun and pointed it at people when asked to leave a Poppy Street party. His friend kicked out a car window.

Dec. 14, 8:06 a.m.
Near 5th and West Capitol Avenue, an officer stopped an 18-year old Briarwood Avenue resident for vehicle code violations. The man gave a false name, had no driver's license and had a warrant out for his arrest from Sacramento County. He was arrested.

Dec. 14, 3:08 p.m.
Officers went to a Pine Street address to take a 19-year old man into custody. They found him hiding in a closet. The man resisted arrest and was jailed. Before he was jailed, he received medical attention.

Dec. 14, 3:28 p.m.
A 38-year old Citrus Heights man was arrested for sexually assaulting a 12-year old girl at a Sacramento Avenue, West Sacramento, location.

Dec. 14, 4:15 p.m.
A Pennsylvania Avenue man reported that a tool box and power tools were stolen from his truck. A witness, though, got the license plate of the suspect's vehicle. The vehicle was located and stopped by police. The toolbox was found in it, and the driver, a 36-year old male transient, was arrested.

Dec. 14, 6 p.m.
A bike was reported stolen from the 1200-block of Sacramento Avenue.

Dec. 14, 10:15 p.m.
An 18-year old West Sacramento man was detained by loss prevention workers at a West Capitol Avenue market. The man had hidden some candy bars on his person, and left the store without paying. The candy was valued at $5.54.

Dec. 15, 6:55 a.m.
A woman reported that she asked a man for a ride to the bus station in Sacramento. He drove her to a West Capitol Avenue location, pulled her from the vehicle by force, took her wallet and threatened sexual assault. He then fled in the vehicle.

Dec. 15, 7 a.m.
A Yolo Street man reported that someone slashed his car's tires.

Dec. 16, 2:49 a.m.
An officer followed a car going 80 miles per hour over the Tower Bridge into Sacramento. The car also had no light on the rear license plate. The suspect was stopped, and appeared intoxicated, unable to complete a field sobriety test.

Dec. 16, 5:38 a.m.
Three suspects were seen putting cones and barricades across all the lanes of Jefferson Boulevard near Devon Street. The three (at least one of whom was a 19-year old Devon Street man) were given notices to appear in court for obstructing traffic.

Dec. 17, 7 a.m.
An Evergreen Avenue resident reported that someone stole car keys and cash from inside a residence.

Dec. 17, 10:40 a.m.
A Glide Avenue resident reported that a known suspect had been seen stealing his power scooter.

Dec. 17, 10:07 p.m.
An officer stopped a 45-year old Gateway Drive man for speeding on West Capitol. The driver was then arrested for DUI.

Dec. 17, 11:25 p.m.
A Willow Avenue woman reported that a man had called her, saying he worked for the government, and asked for her bank account and social security number. She gave them to him. Later, she realized that was a mistake and called police.

RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH Brookins
"A POISON APPLE?!...THANK GOODNESS!... I THOUGHT YOU HAD SOMETHING REALLY BAD...LIKE A FORECLOSURE NOTICE..."

Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

The Very Best Tips of 2007

• "After the rush of the holidays, our family has a little tradition of its own. We reserve one night to watch all our home movies from the season. We usually end up watching some of the other years' too. And our son has become a whiz at putting together slideshows on DVD of digital pictures, so we look forward to the first of many photo slideshows to add to the night's entertainment." — Y.K. in Alabama

• "I usually get plastic bags when grocery shopping, but I have the bagger package all frozen foods together in a paper bag. The bag is easily identifiable so it can be taken inside and put away first." — A.D. in Washington

• "To keep the fabric belts on my daughters' shorts and pants in place, I stitched the center of the belt to the back loop of the garment. The bow never pulls to one side, or falls off! It's great for keeping them with the right pair of pants or shorts." — O.S. in Wisconsin

• "If you have small children, you might want to keep a red washcloth in your first-aid kit. Sometimes, the sight of blood can upset a child out of proportion with the injury. If you use a red washcloth, blood won't show and you can spend your time calming the hurt, not the emotion." — School nurse in Arizona

• "I hang two mesh laundry bags from the back of the bathroom door. Bras and undergarments go into one, socks in the other. I toss them in the wash just as they are, and no sorting is required after they are done." — D.C. in Mississippi

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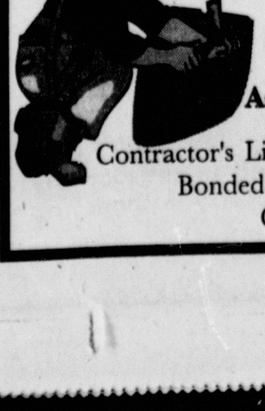

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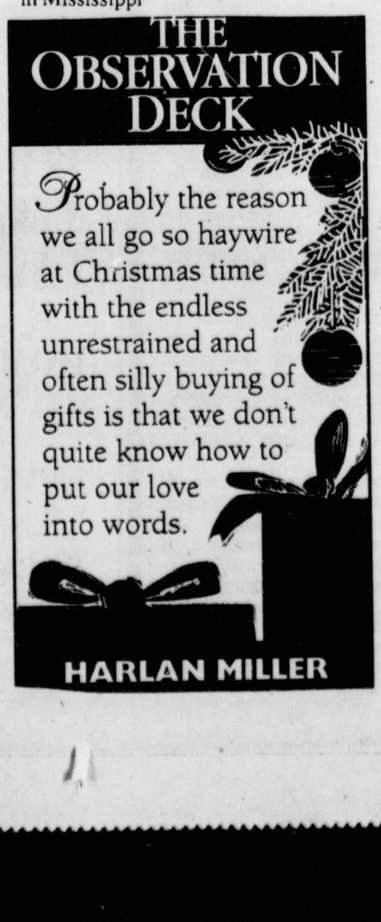

Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words.

HARLAN MILLER

true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Sep 17 2007
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO: PT-07-2451

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Majuana Huddleston filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: Majuana Huddleston

Proposed name: Mauana Anderson.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 8, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 2, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 725 Court St., Woodland CA 95695.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: West Sacramento News-Ledger.

Date: Nov. 9, 2007.
Judge of the Superior Court
Dec 12 19 26 Jan 2

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works and Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California until **10:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, January 24, 2008** for the:

In-Line Booster Pump Station Project

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work consists of construction of a potable water booster pump station which includes pumps and associated piping, electrical controls, and a bypass valve housed in a single-story masonry building with mezzanine. The pump station facilities include a flow meter vault, standby generator, site piping, paving, electrical and instrumentation, wrought iron fencing and gate, and connection to two existing potable water force mains.

Completion of Work: Notice to Proceed will be granted on or before February 15, 2008. The pump station shall be in automatic control by February 27, 2009, and all punch list items shall be completed by the final completion date of March 27, 2009.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Public Works and Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $150.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $160.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the contract documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractors license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

Proposal Guarantee: Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

Construction License: The successful bidder must possess a current **Class "A" General Engineering** Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

Pre-Bid Meeting/Job Walk: Prospective bidders are invited to attend a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting/job walk to discuss the project, schedule, construction sequencing, etc. and visit the job site. The meeting will be conducted by the City and the Engineer at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2008, and will begin at the City of West Sacramento's City Hall at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

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Trustee's Sale Number: 45483 TSG #: 1145538 Notice of Trustee's Sale Notice YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 19, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 2, 2008, at 12:45 PM, At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, Alliance Title Company, as duly appointed trustee, will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described property situated in Yolo County, California: 2675 Higgins Rd, West Sacramento, CA - APN(s) 045-121-20-1. The Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said Sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto), executed by Tommy C. Rodriguez, a married man as his sole and separate property, as trustor, and recorded September 27, 2005, as Instrument Number 2005-0048018-00 in the office of the Yolo County Recorder. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be $352,490.11, provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances, fees and any additional sums due under the terms of the Note will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. Date: December 12, 2007 Alliance Title Company, Trustee 209 Kearny Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108 (415) 263-4300 By: Brandon L. Torrez, Authorized Signature Sale Information at 714-573-1965 or logon to www.prioritypostng.com Use TS Number 45483 P341892 12/12, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/2007

Trustee Sale No.: 20070025302640 Title Order No.: M712732 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 5/9/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDex West, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 05/26/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0024676-00 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California. Executed By: Jesse Angel Rubalcaba Jr, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). Date of Sale: 1/2/2008 Time of Sale: 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Street Address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 639 Hardy Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605 APN#: 014-288-03-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $214,115.28. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. For Trustee Sale Information Please Call: Priority Posting & Publication 17501 Irvine Blvd., Suite One Tustin, CA 92780 714-573-1965 www.prioritypostng.com NDex West, LLC as Authorized Agent Dated: 12/8/2007 NDex West, LLC may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. P340358 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/2007

Trustee Sale No.: 20070025302724 Title Order No.: M712817 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 5/26/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDex West, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 06/04/2004 as Instrument No. 2004-0024762-00 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California. Executed By: King L Hendricks, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). Date of Sale: 1/2/2008 Time of Sale: 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Street Address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1979 Park Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691 APN#: 058-143-18-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $265,115.44. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. For Trustee Sale Information Please Call: Priority Posting & Publication 17501 Irvine Blvd., Suite One Tustin, CA 92780 714-573-1965 www.prioritypostng.com NDex West, LLC as Authorized Agent Dated: 12/8/2007 NDex West, LLC may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. P340353 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/2007

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WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered seventeen feet ten inches, United States gauge at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday.

Mrs. Reinersman, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, was reported yesterday to be progressing satisfactorily, but nevertheless without the improvement her relatives, especially her daughter, Mrs. P. A. Hart, would like to see. Mrs. Reinersman has been a resident of Washington for many years and is highly respected in the community.

Trustees of the West Sacramento district met at the headquarters building last night to transact the ordinary routine business. G. M. Jones and J. Peltier came up from San Francisco to attend the meeting with Trustee Sam Harbinson, who is a resident of Sacramento.

Mrs. F. Janak returned from San Francisco last Wednesday after spending several days with relatives at the bay city. During her absence she did some shopping for the store or service station.

Joe Pereira and family will leave here on March 10 to spend a week or more at Santa Cruz for a little rest. Joe has been working very hard of late and Mrs. Pereira has been doing more than her share of the work around the West Sacramento Auto Camp, and they believe themselves entitled to a little rest. During their absence the camp will be looked after by Deputy Sheriff Taylor.

William Burch, a Chico auto camp owner, has been stopping at the West Sacramento Auto Camp during the past ten days. Contemplating improvements in his camp at Chico, he is taking notes of the methods used in making the West Sacramento Auto Camp a model for his camp.

J. C. Scroggs Nursery Co. has moved to 28th and K Sts., opposite Sutter Fort. We have reduced all trees one-third. Main 1785.—adv.

C. E. Segi, a Japanese, was arrested on the Fourness ranch north of town last Tuesday by Roy Ludlum of the State Fish and Game Commission for shooting robins. At the time of his arrest he had eleven birds in his possession. Taken before Judge Barry he pleaded guilty and was fined $25, which he paid immediately.

For cruelty to animals a warrant has been sworn to by H. J. Winters of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals against Max Greeman. It appears that Greeman badly injured a dog owned by Clyde Crenshaw, who advised Winters of the cruelty. From accounts at hand it appears that Greeman was annoyed by the dog and while in a fit of temper used a screw driver to punish the animal, cutting a large hole in the dog's side from which he apparently suffered severely. On examining the wound inflicted with the screw driver, Winters swore to a warrant for Greeman's arrest. Judge Barry has placed the trial to take place next Thursday, March 12, and Greeman has demanded a jury trial.

Wilbur Smith is again able to be around attending to his affairs as usual after a severe spell during which he was threatened with an operation. Fortunately, his physician found that the oepration would not be necessary.

The several children of Archie Lewis are recovering from whooping cough with which they have been suffering for some time.

Mrs. F. W. Peter returned to her home in Taylorsville last Wednesday after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. George, in the post office building.

Mrs. W. M. Sheldon has entirely recovered from a very severe cold from which she suffered during the past two weeks.

At the meeting of the Elks' Lodge, No. 6, in Sacramento last Tuesday evening, Ed Moss was initiated with due ceremony and rode the goat with as much dignity as he could possibly assume. Being one of the first candidates from Washington to enter the Elks' Lodge he was given more than was coming to him, and because of his good nature the initiating team put it on a little stronger than usual. Now Ed is wearing a very handsome badge, which was presented to him yesterday by some of his friends and relatives in Washington. He is even so proud of the badge that he wears it during his working hours.

Mrs. May Grace arrived yesterday from New York to spend several weeks at the home of Mrs. M. DeCosta on Anne street. Manuel Grace, her son, has been at the DeCosta home for some considerable time and lately, when the young baby of Mrs. DeCosta was baptized, Manuel took the place of godfather. Mrs. Grace is delighted with what she has seen of California so far and may decide to remain here permanently and bring her family with her.

In an article printed in last week's Independent relating to the arrest of Jack Stoutenburg for selling Yen Shee, it was reported that at the time of the arrest Jack had on his person, or rather displayed on his vest, a badge purporting to be a deputy constable's badge or a deputy sheriff's badge. Supervisor Henry Buckingham asked that the statement be corrected because at no time had Stoutenburg carried a badge and at no time was he deputized as a constable or a sherjff. If the arresting officers mistook anything that Stoutenburg had on his person at the time of his arrest for a badge they were simply mistaken.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Buckingham have returned home from Stockton, where they were called by the illness of their daughter, Mrs. Eva Johnson.

The Washington branch of the Yolo County library has an average monthly circulation of between 350 and 375 books.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cordova are recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Robert Cole has left for Encline to remain indefinitely on business.

The young son of Mrs. S. N. Francois is seriously ill.

Robert Gleason has transferred the title of his home north of Washington to an eastern buyer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Arey and Miss Margaret Brash returned to Oakland after a week-end visit here with relatives.

BARRY TO RETIRE FROM TOWNSHIP JUSTICE OF WASHINGTON

At the meeting of the board of supervisors of Yolo County held on Monday, March 2, Judge Barry offered his resignation from the position of township justice which he has held during the last eleven years.

With a great deal of regret the people of this district received this announcement because during the time of his incumbency he has administered the affairs of the justice court to the great advantage of the people and without a scintilla of criticism.

Never once has there been found the least fault with the decisions rendered by Judge Barry and seldom or never did criminals who appeared before him find fault with his decisions.

In his hand exact justice received justice. There was no leniency. There was no favoritism. There was no revenge or spirit of playing even. The law book was his guide and he administered that without favoritism or harshness.

On tendering his resignation to the board of supervisors it was refused. Those officials would not hear of it. They told him they could get no man to take his place or fill the position with justice to it as he had done during a period of nearly twelve years. Nevertheless, Judge Barry was obdurate and refused to continue in the position.

Speaking to the Independent he said yesterday:

"Failing health is the principal cause for my resignation and in addition the work of this office has been growing to such an extent that I cannot do it justice. The county government act allows only a salary of $65 per month for the township justice here. The entire time of the man who fills the place must be given over to the duties of the office and I cannot see my way clear to devote my entire time to the position with that salary.

"I am advancing in years, also, and the infirmities of age do not permit me to continue in the vigorous pursuit of settling all the affairs of the community."

Judge Barry will be sixty-seven years of age on the 29th day of May next. He was born and raised in Washington in the house now occupied by Mr. Colbert, custodian of the water works.

To the position of township justice he was appointed by the board of supervisors of Yolo County at the recommendation of the late supervisor, Wm. J. Leinberger, on November 14, 1913. He filled the unexpired term of the late C. A. Simpson, and since that time was elected three times successively.

Not only has he attended to the duties of the office he filled in the administration of justice, but he was made the arbiter by volunteer selection for all the disagreeableness of the people of the community. His home was an easy mark for any person who was in trouble and, night or day, there might be seen at his doorstep people of all nationalities, of all sex and creeds, and all colors, who had troubles they wanted settled.

His sense of justice was acute in a large degree and many a home was blessed through the decisions rendered by him even outside of his courtroom.

Although a great joker, full of fun and merriment, full of the laugh of happiness and the joy of good health, Judge Barry never wavered in his sense of justice, and the fact remains that never once was a decision rendered by him reversed by a superior court.

To a consistent offender he was merciless. To the frail and weak he showed mercy. He would rather lift up than throw down and he followed that policy unwaveringly.

To prove his severity it might be mentioned here that during the month of February just past he turned into the county treasury of Yolo County fines in the amount of $447.00. During January his fines amounted to $184.00. During December his fines amounted to $432.

KNIGHTS LANDING TO ORGANIZE CHAMBER

Knights Landing, Yolo Co., March 3. Plans for organizing an active chamber of commerce with a view of stimulating trade and engendering a better spirit of co-operation between the storekeepers and ranchers, are to be discussed at a public meeting at the Knights Landing grammar school tomorrow evening. It is claimed that Knights Landing is losing considerable trade and business because of the lack of an energetic effort to go after it.

County Superintendent of Schools Finds Children and Girls Have Not Been Insulted on Way to School

At the meeting of the Washington Boosters' Club last Tuesday evening in the town hall communications from the county superintendent of schools, Miss Harriett S. Lee, and from District Attorney Geo. T. Kern, were received that would indicate the children attending the Woodland high school from the town of Washington and using the Sacramento Northern Railroad, had not been insulted.

The communication from Miss Lee to the secretary of the Boosters' Club, Mrs. Ethel R. Palm, reads:

February 28, 1925.

Mrs. Ethel R. Palm, Secretary,
Washington Boosters' Club,
Broderick, California.

Dear Mrs. Palm:

I certainly am interested in your problem, for problem it is.

I went out to the Woodland high school yesterday and interviewed the girls who come from Broderick and could get no evidence upon which the girls could cause an arrest and prosecution, although I did find that they have been annoyed by men in that section of the town.

I feel proud of the womanly way in which they have met these annoyances.

One of the girls told me that vagrants are using the "Sacramento Northern" station for sleeping quarters and even if it were raining she did not feel that she could enter the station.

I would suggest that you send your constable down there to arrest some of them for sleeping in a public place not provided for that purpose constitutes a clear case of vagrancy.

This might stop that annoyance.

Sincerely,

HARRIETT S. LEE.

The communication received from the district attorney refers again to the difficulty of suppressing crime in this section even with stool pigeons, although these may be permanently hired to accomplish the task.

The communication from Mr. Kern was also read to the club and reads:

February 28, 1925.

Mrs. Ethel R. Palm,
P. O. Box, 338,
Broderick, California.

My dear Mrs. Palm:

I have your letter as secretary of the Washington Boosters' Club and have noted with particular attention the information and suggestions which you have presented.

The county superintendent of schools, Miss Lee, will at once interview the high school students coming from Broderick and obtain from them the details of their experiences, as you have described, and whatever action the information they give will authorize will be taken forthwith.

We have heretofore, if you remember, had serious difficulty with gambling in Washington and it seems this particular business has been resumed in another location and is probably worse than ever. I cannot write you all the details of the steps I have in mind which I think would be practicable and presumably you do not care for such details but are hoping for and expecting substantial results. I believe you will not be disappointed.

To accomplish anything will require the steady and persistent teamwork of all the officers and perhaps the assistance of some private citizens. I could not do it alone with the aid of stool pigeons and the people of that character. I have no doubt I will receive the co-operation of all concerned and that lawlessness can be driven out of your town. However, a big territory seems to have been invaded by a particular element and I have been informed and am inclined to believe that the section between the levee and the river between the bridges is a worse place than any other and being a sort of no-man's land we are not able to accomplish anything by means of attacking the owners of the land as may be possible in the case of the Chinese element.

Yours very sincerely,

GEO. T. KERN,
District Attorney.

Following the reading of the communications it was moved and seconded that an investigating committee of five men be appointed by the chairman to investigate the Chinese situation in Washington and take it before the grand jury of Yolo County.

This committee will be named by the chairman, Ray Peek, who was named by the president of the Boosters' Club to head the committee.

This committee is requested to go ahead immediately and make an investigation as to what could be done to prevent the continuance of gambling near the town of Washington but actually outside the town limits.

A good deal of discussion was indulged in by the members of the club on this question. Practically the entire meeting was occupied in discussing ways and means to stop, prevent or remedy the conditions prevailing now.

T. D. Slaven became a member of the club and paid his dues. He suggested that the secretary write to J. B. Rowray, manager of the Sacramento Northern properties in Sacramento, or Geo. F. Dietrich, president of the Sacramento Northern Railroad in San Francisco.

Attention was particularly drawn to the salary being paid Constable Frank Wilson to devote all his time to the suppression of vice in this section of the county. His salary is $70 per month, out of which he must pay rent and support a wife and family, yet he is expected to devote all his time to the prevention of vice con- station building of the Sacramento Northern Railroad and had been an annoyance to the school children attending the Woodland high school. As a matter of fact the children were afraid to use the station building because canned heat victims were laying around sleeping on the floor.

To the Independent Constable Wilson said yesterday evening, that so far as he could find out none of the school children had been insulted and had not placed themselves so they might be insulted but had kept away from the station building used by these derelicts.

The grand jury of Yolo County will convene on March 12 and if the investigating committee of the Boosters' Club sees fit to make appearance before the grand jury body, there is no doubt that immediate and imperative steps will be taken to regulate the conditions prevailing on the river levee north and south of the M street bridge.

ACTIVE PROMOTION WORK BEING DONE IN WESTGATE

Yesterday's report in Westgate from the McAnulty interests showed sales of eighteen houses or homes, three places of business and one factory site.

Although salesmen have been busy on the promotion work only a few days the results are so encouraging to the promoters that seldom or never have they ever run into such encouragement as they are receiving in West Sacramento, or Westgate.

Actively engaged in the work of the district Henry S. Judson, a partner with the McAnulty Brothers, declares that he never at any time received so encouraging evidences as he has received during his incumbency in the position of promoter of the interests of Westgate.

And Judson is not a novice at his job.

During fifteen years he was colonizing agent for the Great Northern Railroad under the administration of James J. Hill, and during that time he promoted two townsites and was very instrumental in putting the land policy of the railroad on a firm and substantial basis.

In Texas Mr. Judson promoted the building of two canals and was the means of colonizing 100,000 acres of land in the Lone Star State.

He was formerly a banker and is well aware of the possibilities that can be achieved in Westgate.

At the present time a number of salesmen are busy promoting the ideals of the new owners. New signs have been erected on the townsite and flags have been placed to indicate boundaries and sales already made.

Indeed the district has taken on a new appearance of life, a new appearance of vigor and an activity not witnessed there since the West Sacramento Company started the building of its headquarters.

Speaking to the Independent, Mr. Judson said:

"I can see no reason why this section should not go ahead with a bound and a leap and a run and a gallop.

"When the North Sacramento district was under a foot or two of water there was not enough water in this section of the Sacramento Valley to dampen the tires of my automobile.

"Where spinach, alfalfa, beans, barley, fruit and almost any crop can be grown I notice that it is necessary to blast the hardpan of North Sacramento to plant a tree.

"And yet North Sacramento has gone ahead without reason, without boosting, without merit.

"I am not making invidious comparisons but I do wish to draw attention to the wonderful possibilities of this section as in comparison with other sections that are being sold in and around Sacramento.

"Here production is at its highest. Here we do not need water for irrigation. Here the land does not bake. Here the sunshine produces wealth and the soil helps it."

If there was ever an enthusiastic promoter that was proud of the job that he has undertaken it is Henry S. Judson.

He is not entirely depending on sales made locally and is now getting in communication with eastern connections that should bring to this section of California hundreds of families.

Under his direction, Mr. G. Garnett has charge of the sales force.

One home is partially built south of the highway in Westgate. Five more will be started next Monday and soon thereafter there will be in course of construction not less than eighteen or twenty homes.

SACRAMENTO, NOT YOLO MUST CARE FOR PLAGUE VICTIM

An aged Mexican, suffering with tuberculosis, was to have left yesterday with his wife for Mexico, Yolo County having consented to pay for their transportation. But when it came time for their train to leave, the Mexican couple was missing. It was later discovered that the white plague victim had become a patient at the Sacramento County hospital.

Yolo County will be spared the transportation bill of $99.

YOU MAY WIN $1,500

If you are able to make the most words out of the letters contained in the words "TOILET NECESSITIES." A total of $3,000 IN CASH prizes will be awarded to competitors in this GREAT WORD-BUILDING CONTEST

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(WEST SACRAMENTO)

Bulletin No. 1

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18 Houses sold to be built at once, also 3 places of Business 1 Factory Site.

HOME BUILDERS—We can sell you a house and lot on monthly payments. **SAVE RENT.**

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Call or telephone Main 4202, and we will send an auto for you. We will be glad to show you our property without obligation

WEST SIDE GROCERY

OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Santa a no-show?

I am writing to you regarding the December 12, 2007 News-Ledger article, "Santa Run Continues on West Sac Streets".

It is very disheartening when children are expecting Santa on a fire truck in their neighborhood and he does not show up. The paper states, "This year the Santa Run starts at 6 p.m. each night and Santa will be in the following areas on this date: Wednesday, December 12th, Old West Sacramento, on the following streets: Deerwood, Lakewood, Fernwood, Sonora, Haverhill, Meadow, Webster, Virginia, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland.

I don't know where Santa spent his couple of hours, but it was not in the Fernwood, Sonora, and Meadow area of West Sacramento. We waited from 6-8 p.m. before finally giving up and telling our little grandson that Santa and the fire truck were not coming tonight. He was very disappointed because he was looking forward to seeing Santa and giving the firemen the canned goods we had gathered. We listened for the sounds of Santa for at least two hours. The Ho Ho and sirens were nowhere near. If they had been, we would have gladly walked to greet Santa and the fire truck.

After trying to explain to a 3 year old why Santa did not come and the terrible disappointment experienced by many children in our neighborhood, I would like the West Sacramento Firefighter's Association to realize that this community does read the 'Santa Run' schedule they advertise. I know it takes many hours to organize this wonderful event for our community and we do look forward to it every year. I also realize that they cannot get to every street in every neighborhood; however, when they advertise that they will be visiting certain streets on a given date, there is an expectation for them to be there.

I'm not meaning to hurt feelings or condemn those trying to spread holiday cheer and do good this holiday season, but I felt it was necessary to write this letter to hopefully prevent this same type of disappointment from happening in the future.

DONNA MOORE
West Sacramento

Better bus schedules

On December 11th at City Hall the staff from YoloBus and Sacramento Area Council of Governments conducted its annual public hearing on the unmet public transit needs of West Sacramento.

About ten of us riders attended and provided suggestions for improvements in bus service. In light of the 2007-2008 state budget's cut of over $1 billion in public transit monies, other sources must be sought, just to maintain the status quo.

Two points I suggested sounded as if they would be denied that still make sense to me: (1) YoloBus #35 should be advanced from 40 minutes past the hour to 55 past the hour, thus minimizing those 50-55 minute waits, and (2) midday service on Jefferson between West Capital Avenue and 15th Street needs to be restored. Also, #241, serving from downtown Sacramento to West Sacramento and its industrial area, should have some midday service, too, not just peak hour service.

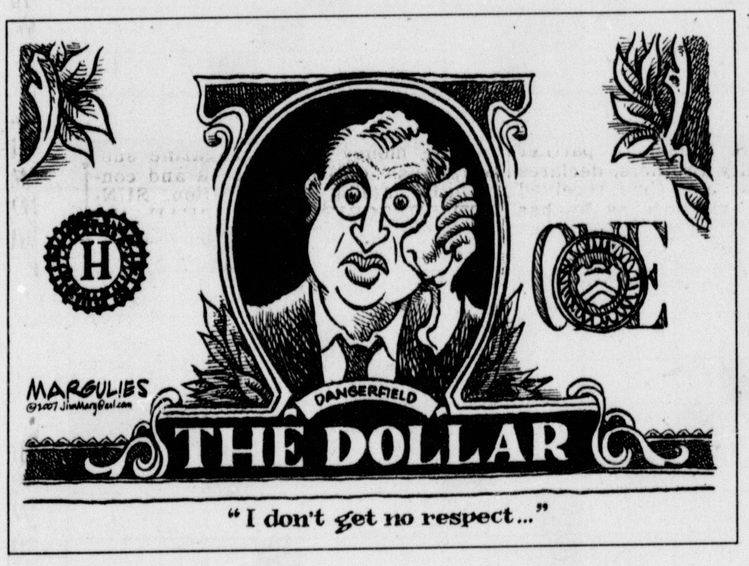
WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

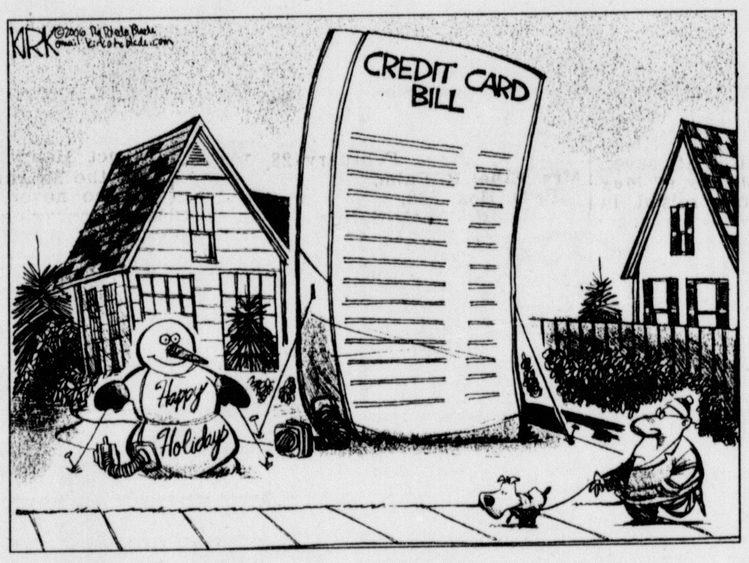
A Rita Moreno fan

Puerto Rican actress Rita Moreno, star of the popular movie musical West Side Story and the only Latina woman to have won an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony award, will be celebrating her 76th birthday on January 11th with much pride after being inducted into the California Hall of Fame this past week by Governor Arnold Schwarzengger and his wife, First Lady Maria Shriver.

Congratulations to this legendary Puerto Rican actress.

CHARLES SANO
West Sacramento





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The hottest place on earth is Dallol, Ethiopia, with an annual mean temperature of 94 degrees.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) has been prepared to address a proposed amendment to the City's General Plan. This Draft SEIR has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project.

The project would amend the General Plan's Goals and Policies to facilitate implementation of flood protection efforts including funding and construction of levee improvement and maintenance projects, as well as increasing public awareness of flood protection. The Draft SEIR notes potential impacts on the environment that the project may cause and contains mitigation measures which, if implemented, would reduce the potential impacts to a less-than-significant level. The Draft SEIR also notes impacts which cannot be mitigated to a less-than-significant level.

Copies of the Draft SEIR will be available on December 21, 2007 for public review and comment in the office of the City of West Sacramento Public Works & Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691, (916) 617-4645. The Draft SEIR will also be viewable on the City's web site at www.CityofWestSacramento.org. The Draft SEIR will also available at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento.

Any affected or interested parties may comment on the Draft SEIR beginning on December 21, 2007. Comments are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2008. Comments may be submitted by contacting:
John Powderly, Assistant Planner
City of West Sacramento Public Works & Community Development Department
1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor
West Sacramento, CA 95605
Tel: (916) 617-4645
Fax: (916) 371-0845
E-mail: JohnP@CityofWestSacramento.org

Comments may also be submitted at the January 17, 2008, Planning Commission meeting. Please contact the Public Works & Community Development Department to confirm the meeting date, time, and location.

Dec 19

WEST SACRAMENTO
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The January 3, 2008 meeting of the West Sacramento Planning Commission has been cancelled.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on, January 17, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento.

Steve Rikala, City Planner/ Secretary
West Sacramento Planning Commission

Dec 19

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Verizon Wireless Minor Wireless Permit (ZA 07-48). The proposed project is to be located at 3040 Promenade Street (APN 45-551-32). This Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of construction of a 100-foot tall monopole with related equipment cabinets and generator. The General Plan designation is Light Industrial (LI) and the property is zoned M-1, PD-21, (Light Industrial, Planned Development 21).

The Negative Declaration concludes that there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Copies of the Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: (916) 617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may submit comments to the Community Development Department no later than **January 15, 2008.** Any affected or interested parties may also appear at the Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Negative Declaration on January 17, 2008 in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Dec 19

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 20 2007
File No. 2007-1156

The following person is doing business as DTC Investments, 3002 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Richard G. Jones, Timothy T. McIsaac and Roderic A. McIsaac, 3002 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on NA.

/s/Roderic A. McIsaac

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov 20 2007
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2007-1151

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Capital Valley Investments, 2215 Plaza Drive, Suite 100 Rocklin, CA 95765
Diablo Investments, LLC, a California limited liability company 2215 Plaza Drive, Suite 100 Rocklin, CA 95765
This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2002
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
Diablo Investments, LLC
S/ Gary Whitesides, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on November 20, 2007
NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/07
CNS-1234638#
NEWS-LEDGER

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The hottest place on earth is Dallol, Ethiopia, with an annual mean temperature of 94 degrees.

TS # CA-07-102355-NF Loan # 0015292428 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/5/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union. or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): WILLIAM GURR, AN UNMARRIED MAN Recorded: 12/16/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-62468 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California; Date of Sale: 1/15/2008 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $213,467.71 The purported property address is: 916 JOAN ST WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 Assessors Parcel No. 014-332-23-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 12/22/2007 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: (714) 573-1965 or Login to: www.prioritypostingcom Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 3704 Priority Web Service, If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This notice is sent for the purpose of collecting a debt. This firm is attempting to collect a debt on behalf of the holder and owner of the note. Any information obtained by or provided to this firm or the creditor will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. P342216 12/26, 1/2, 01/09/2008

TS# 057-15319 Order # 30086323 Loan # 0055702203 Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/6/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): Benjamin Tarver & Angela Tarver, husband & wife Recorded: 10/07/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0050506-00 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California; Date of Sale: 1/9/2008 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $355,516.47 The purported property address is: 3129 Suisun Bay Road West Sacramento, CA 95691 Legal Description As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Assessors Parcel No. 045-640-69-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 12/12/2007 LandAmerica Default Services Samir Khan, Authorized Signor Post Office Box 5899 6 Executive Circle Irvine, CA 92616 (949) 885-4500 Sale Line: 714-573-1965 Reinstatement Line: 949-885-4500 To request reinstatement and or payoff FAX request to: (949) 885-4496 This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. P345386 12/19, 12/26, 01/02/2008

Trustee Sale No. 120851CA Loan No. 748158417 Title Order No. 6516416-30 Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/7/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/9/2008 at 12:45 PM California Reconveyance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 11/17/2005, Book , Page , Instrument 2005-0057571 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by: FM Company LLC, as Trustor, Calnet Business Bank, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $579,069.78 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 755 Harbor Pointe Place, West Sacramento, CA 95605 APN 014-794-041 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". Date: 12/11/2007 California Reconveyance Company, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.prioritypostingcom 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop N 11 06 12 Chatsworth, CA 91311 Deborah Brignac, Vice President California Reconveyance Company is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. P345586 12/19, 12/26, 01/02/2008

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 26 2007
File No. 2007-1162

The following person is doing business as L.V.S. Event Flowers, 815 Bryte Ave #58, West Sacramento CA 95605:

Yelena Yevseyenkova, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/26/07.

/s/Yelena Yevseyenkova

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov 26 2007
by: /s/Liz Mahovlich, Deputy Clerk

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 2005-417

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name. **California Gold Financial, 630 Second Street, Davis, CA 95616.**
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 4/12/2005, in the County of Yolo
Original File Number: 2005-417
Countrywide Mortgage Ventures, LLC, Delaware, 26050 Mureau Road, Suite 101, Calabasas, CA 91302.
This business was conducted by limited liability co.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
Countrywide Mortgage Ventures, LLC
S/ Amy Bernardino, Assistant Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 03, 2007.
12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/9/08
CNS-1248413#
NEWS-LEDGER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2007-1205

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Oilfield Services, 37600 County Road 20, Woodland, CA 95695.
Oilfield Services, LLC (Delaware), 37600 County Road 20, Woodland, CA 95695.
This business is conducted by A Limited Liability Company.
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
Oilfield Services, LLC
S/ Jon Veverica
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on December 6, 2007.
NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/9/08
CNS-1243217#
NEWS-LEDGER

PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

HERE-- WEAR A SCARF, SIM.
GEEZ, MAY, I'M ONLY GOIN' TO THE BARN!
AND DRINK THIS QUART OF OJ BEFORE YA GO OUT.
UH-OH.
WE'VE HAD TO INCREASE OUR HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE AGAIN HAVEN'T WE.
YUP. HERE, MEGADOSE.
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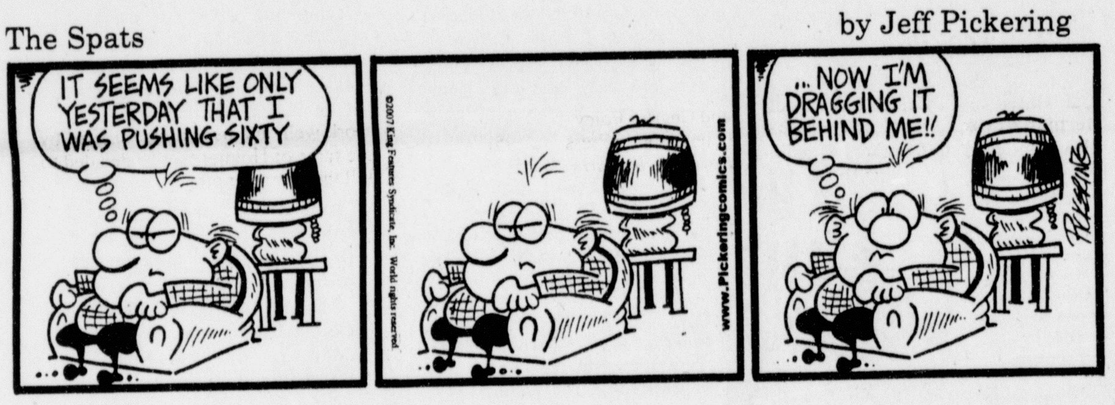
Mama's Boyz by Jerry Craft

Amber Waves by Dave Phipps

MR. BEAR, DADDY SAYS I'M THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE WORLD.
HE SAYS I HAVE AN AURA ABOUT ME.
HOW IS MY PRINCESS?
WOW! SOMEONE'S AURA IS REALLY POTENT!

The Spats by Jeff Pickering


IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY THAT I WAS PUSHING SIXTY
...NOW I'M DRAGGING IT BEHIND ME!!
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POPEYE
By ELZIE SEGAR
WOW! POPEYE...
SUPER COMICS
THESE SUPERHEROES ARE OLD HAT!
...YA WUZ DOIN' THIS STUFF LONG BEFORE ALL THESE GUYS IN THE COMIC BOOKS!
"YA LIFTED CARS..."
"BATTLED VILLAINS..."
...SAVED DAMSELS IN DISTRESS...
...AN' YA DID IT ALL WITH SPINACH INSTEAD OF SPANDEX!
ARF ARF

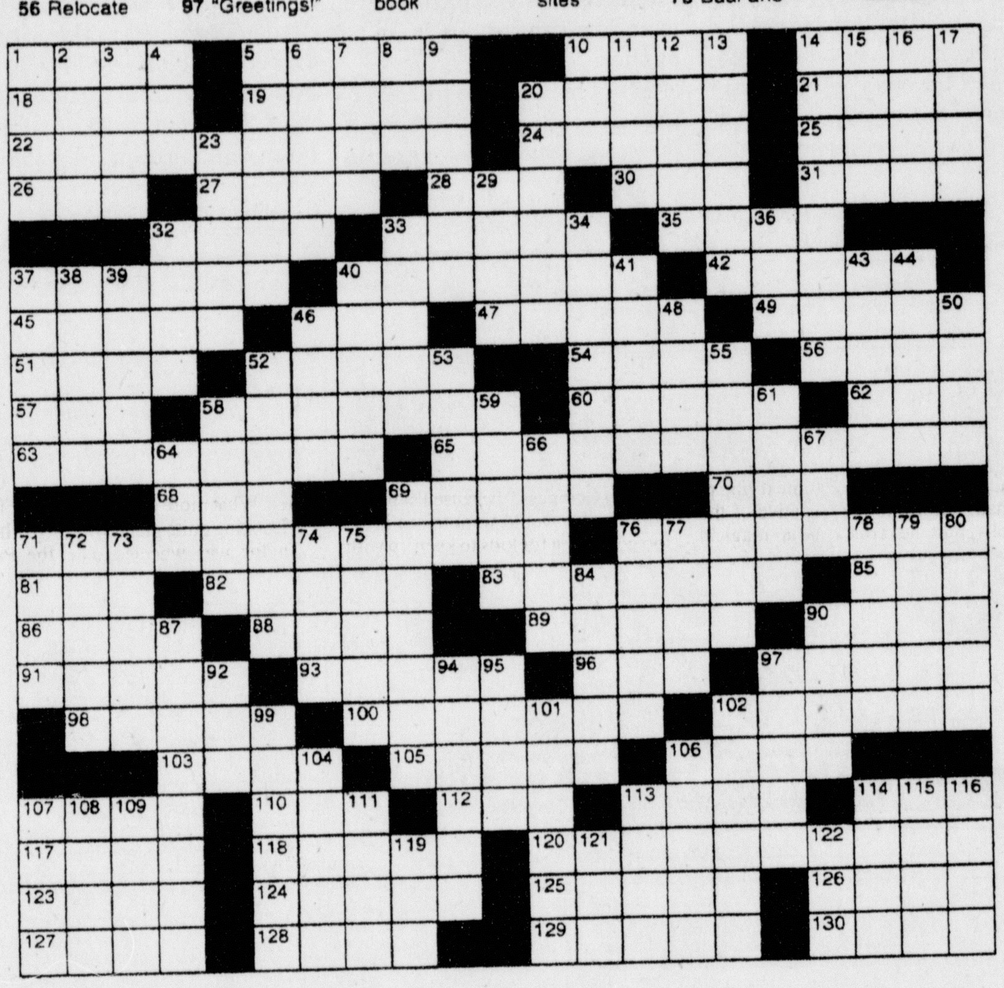
FLASH GORDON
DALE ARDEN
DR. HANS ZARKOV
FLASH GORDON By JIM KEEFE
FEAR NOT, FAITHFUL READER - THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM.
KING BARIN!
WHA...?!
KSHH!
FLASH AND KING BARIN BATTLING TO THE DEATH?!
YOU'RE DONE FOR NOW, GORDON!
MATCH POINT, DARLING!
YOU JUST COST ME THE GAME. THIS HAD BETTER BE IMPORTANT.
A THOUSAND PARDONS, MY LIEGE...
BUT QUEEN AURA REQUESTS YOUR COUNSEL. DECISIONS NEED TO BE MADE REGARDING TONIGHT'S RECEPTION.
YOU TELL THE QUEEN THAT THE VISITING DIGNITARIES ARE HERE REGARDING URGENT MATTERS OF STATE.
A ROYAL RECEPTION WOULD ONLY WASTE THEIR VALUABLE TIME.
IT SEEMS THE PALACE IS A HOUSE DIVIDED...
TO BE CONT'D

Super Crossword

IN REVERSE

ACROSS
1 Israel's Barak
5 "Fie!"
10 Traffic sound
14 Beer ingredient
18 It's nothing
19 "From the Terrace" author
20 Fusillade
21 Not quite closed
22 KINGLY BREW
24 Start
25 Actor Andrews
26 Parrot
27 Charity
28 Party animal?
30 Formicary denizen
31 Final
32 Loose
33 Like opposites
35 Pitch
37 Dump on
40 Can opener
42 Harp part
45 Crop up
46 Part of EEC
47 Golden —
49 Merchandise
51 Navel store?
52 Disseminate
54 Flat hats
56 Relocate
57 Rock's — Zeppelin
58 Ubiquitous songbird
60 Faultless
62 Clarke or Questel
63 HURT FRIENDS
65 "GIDDYUP!" OR "HOOCHIE MAMA!"
68 Fumble
69 Net type
70 "Jurassic Park" stuff
71 RODMAN FELL FROM GRACE
76 ENTHUSIASTIC SINGER
81 Japanese statesman
82 Category
83 Gets back
85 Relative of un-
86 Sporting saddles
88 Autumn implement
89 Distribute the donuts
90 Word with camp or tree
91 Artist Rousseau
93 Intrinsically
96 Mauna —
97 "Greetings!"
98 Find out
100 Did business
102 He had a lot of Gaul
103 Angler's danglers
105 Fear
106 "You — Hurry Love" ('66 hit)
107 Society
110 Sweater letter
112 Gumshoe
113 Toil
114 August one
117 "Damn Yankees" siren
118 Electronic device
120 SWEATERS ARE OFFENSIVE
123 "Kismet" character
124 — fell swoop
125 Government game
126 Where to find a zebu
127 Man the bar
128 Dweeb
129 Producer Coen
130 Chatterley or Windermere

DOWN
1 Biblical book
2 Dickens villain
3 Prod
4 '50 film noir classic
5 It's on the bee's knees
6 "It's a —" ('70 song)
7 Witches
8 Live and breathe
9 Pop Art pioneer
10 Outlaw
11 Lohengrin's love
12 Happening
13 KETTLE COVER
14 PRODUCED CHEESE
15 Trojan War hero
16 Turner or Wood
17 Soho streetcar
20 Beethoven creation
23 Sweatshirt size
29 Parisian pronoun
32 '78 Stallone flick
33 More theoretical
34 Doctorow novel
36 Fresh
37 Shopping sites
38 Historian Durant
39 Hunt or Hamilton
40 Acts catty?
41 Blender part
43 Fragrance
44 Actor Burton
46 And more of the same
48 Part of ER
50 Go after
52 Less plentiful
53 Roused
55 Food fish
58 Bit of parsley
59 More ironic
61 — a hand (aids)
64 Grunter's grounds
66 Llama turf
67 Deranged
69 Looked like Hook?
71 Word with side or satellite
72 Lucy's landlady
73 Peter of Herman's Hermits
74 Cinch
75 Vexed
76 Hitter Hank
77 "— Las Vegas" ('64 film)
78 Baal and Elvis
79 Stringed instrument
80 Philanthropist Brooke
84 Very cold
87 BORING POET
90 Exemplar of redness
92 Private pension
94 French philosopher
95 Gen. Robt. —
97 "Big" star
99 SWIPE BROOCH
101 Undertake
102 "The Silent Spring" author
104 Macbeth, for one
106 Terra —
107 Thicken
108 Capital of Togo
109 — Bator
111 Borodin's "Prince —"
113 Using
114 Hartman or Kudrow
115 Geraint's lady
116 Adequate
119 Purpose
121 "— again!"
122 Chess champion Mikhail



Answers to puzzles are on Page 4

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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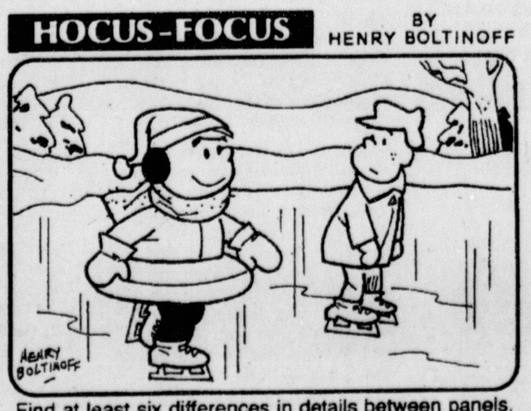
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.NA Smith

"The Golden Compass"

Running time: 1 hour 53 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

If it's the holiday season, that means another epic film featuring a little person with an English accent on a magical adventure. This year's offering is "The Golden Compass," a lush, beautifully art directed fantasy that is long on exposition and sadly short on heart.

I really wanted to like this movie. It has zeppelins and polar bears and Nicole Kidman wearing hot outfits. How could it fail?

And yet, fail it does.

The film is based on a series of popular books by Philip Pullman, and director Chris Wietz ("American Pie") makes the same mistake Chris Columbus made with the first Harry Potter film: He spends so much time trying to remain faithful to the narrative of the books that he crushes the magical spirit that made the books so entertaining.

So much time in "The Golden Compass" is spent explaining the plot and backstory that I really didn't have time to care about the characters because I was trying to remember what was going on and who was who. In fact, I'm hard-pressed to explain the plot to you because I'm still not sure what the movie was about. It has something to do with magical dust that'll allow people to travel to parallel universes and an orthodox institution called the Magesterium that's trying to suppress knowledge of it. I'm guessing this is an allegory of how organized religion tries to stifle scientific inquiry.

Dakota Blue Richards

The last half hour of the movie is a lot of fun because of the bear fights, but by the time you get that far, you'll probably have fallen asleep or left the theater.

I can't really recommend "The Golden Compass," because I can't figure out who would want to see it. It's too confusing for kids to keep up with; and too juvenile and convoluted for adults.

GRADE: D

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Jill Jackson's HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD ... **Brad Pitt** pulled out of the political film "State of Play" because he was not happy with Universal's script, and he has been replaced by **Russell Crowe**. Meanwhile, Brad is in New Orleans, helping to restore the areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. He's a hands-on helper — out there almost daily, giving much of his own money and finding funding for more. On a recent "Larry King Live" interview, he discussed the project, and then answered some personal questions. "Yes," he said. He and **Angelina** want MORE babies.

As for Crowe, his co-stars in "State of Play" will be **Edward Norton, Helen Mirren, Jason Bateman** and **Robin Wright Penn.** Crowe hasn't made as many films as a lot of other stars, but those he has made have been big at the box — e.g. "L.A. Confidential," "A Beautiful Mind" and "Gladiator." Personally he is most unpredictable. Mr. Crowe has a very short fuse, but he can also be charming when he cares to be.

When a femme star in filmtown wants to look "gorgeous" to appear at a gala or walk the red carpet, many of them go to a gal named **Rachel Zoe**. She gives them that gorgeous long blond hairdo, or whatever, does their body make-up and also the face. I'm told she charges $6,000 per day for a treatment and claims **Demi Moore** and **Kate Hudson** among her clients. Ms. Zoe herself is a beauty with long blond hair, big brown eyes and a great body. She has written a book titled "Style to Die For: The Art of Fashion, Beauty and Everything Glamorous." She is also quite rich and happily married. What more could anyone ask for?

Looking quite glamorous, **Elizabeth Taylor** was wheeled onto the Paramount Pictures lot and onto a sound stage, where she gave a reading of A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters." All proceeds from the affair went to AIDS research — the favorite charity of La Liz.

Joan Fontaine is beaming with

Russell Crowe

pride over the publication of her daughter **Deborah Dozier Potter's** book: "Let Buster Lead: Discovering Love, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Self-Acceptance." Joan is still a great beauty and still receiving kudos for her roles in "Rebecca," "Jane Eyre," "The Constant Nymph" and more. She's living in Carmel Highlands, Calif.

A bunch of P.R. people and showbiz writers sitting around discussing "The Best" once again. Decisions were Best Male Actor On-Screen Today: **Tom Hanks;** Biggest Movie Star: **Tom Cruise**; Best Female Actress: **Meryl Streep**; Biggest Female Movie Star: **Julia Roberts**. If you don't agree, write and tell us your "Bests" c/o King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

BITS 'N' PIECES: Sick joke making the rounds in Tinseltown: "Pretty soon more actors will know what the inside of a jail looks like than the inside of a studio." ... And no, I still haven't found out what is in the cup on **David Letterman's** desk. ... But I do know that **Jay Leno** paid staff workers who didn't get a paycheck during the writers strike out "of his own pocket," and that there were about 80 recipients. ... AND, as we lope into the New Year, it is devoutly hoped that everything will be getting better.

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Books

Arthur Conan Doyle: A Life in Letters

by Jon Lellenberg, Daniel Stashower and Charles Foley
(The Penguin Press, $37.95)
Reviewed by Larry Cox

Called "the world's most famous man who never was" by Orson Welles, Sherlock Holmes is one of the best known and most culturally significant literary characters ever written.

Although the fictional detective is famous throughout the world, less is known about the life of his creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. A new annotated collection of Doyle's previously unpublished private papers and letters will make him much more accessible.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he studied medicine. After an incomplete medical degree and an impromptu trip to the Arctic, he turned to writing. His first book, "A Study in Scarlet," was published in 1887 and introduced the super-observant master detective, Sherlock Holmes. Doyle eventually would be knighted for his literary work.

Doyle's letters and documents, which span some 54 years, are fascinating and contain even more twists and turns than his novels. For example, he longed for another woman while his wife lay dying of tuberculosis, he didn't handle criticism of his work well, and he was so annoyed by the fame of Holmes that he decided to kill the character off.

Perhaps most intriguing of all, Doyle considered Sherlock Holmes to be one of his lesser achievements.

Doyle explored many pursuits. He became a Boer War army doctor, a real-life investigator, a champion of divorce reform, a World War I correspondent and a prominent spiritualist. His letters and papers reveal a man whose exploits rival even those of his fictional character.

This is a must-have collection for all Sherlock Holmes fans, or for anyone just interested in a fascinating life story.

Books reviewed in this column are available online or at your local bookstore.

Comfort foods
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Tom's Meat Loaf

This main dish gives a different twist to a family favorite.

- *16 ounces extra-lean ground sirloin beef or turkey breast*
- *1 (2.5-ounce) jar sliced mushrooms, drained*
- *1/2 cup chopped onion*
- *1/3 cup sliced ripe olives*
- *1/4 cup Kraft Reduced Fat Parmesan Style Grated Topping*
- *1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon dried fine bread crumbs*
- *2 teaspoons JO's Pizza Seasoning or any pizza seasoning*
- *1 (8-ounce) can Hunt's Tomato Sauce*
- *1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes*
- *2 (3/4-ounce) slices Kraft reduced-fat mozzarella cheese*

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with olive oil-flavored cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine meat, mushrooms, onion, olives, Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs, 1 teaspoon JO's Pizza Seasoning and 1/3 cup tomato sauce. Mix well to combine. Pat mixture into prepared loaf pan. Bake for 45 minutes.

Stir parsley flakes and remaining 1 teaspoon JO's Pizza Seasoning into remaining 2/3 cup tomato sauce. Spoon sauce mixture evenly over partially baked meat loaf. Cut mozzarella cheese slices in half diagonally. Evenly arrange cheese pieces over top. Continue baking for 15 minutes. Place meat loaf on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Cut into 6 servings.

• Each serving equals: About 186 calories, 6g fat, 19g protein, 14g carb., 556mg sodium, 107mg calcium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 1/2 Meat, 1 Vegetable, 1/2 Starch; Carb Choices: 1.

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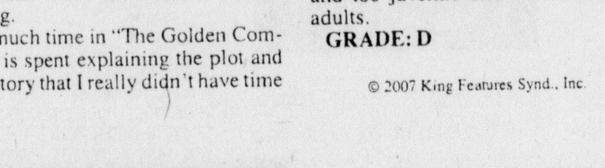

When you cross from the Atlantic to the Pacific through the Panama Canal, you are heading in a southeasterly direction.

Good Housekeeping

Green Pea and Lettuce Soup

Serve this simplified version of the delicate French classic with our Ham and Cheese Pitas. Assemble sandwiches while the soup cooks; bake them while blending the soup.

TOTAL TIME: 20 minutes
MAKES: 4 servings or 6 cups

- *2 teaspoons margarine or butter*
- *1 medium onion, finely chopped*
- *1 can (13 3/4 to 14 1/2 ounces) chicken broth*
- *1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas*
- *1 head Boston lettuce (about 10 ounces), coarsely chopped*
- *3/4 teaspoon salt*
- *1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper*
- *1/8 teaspoon dried thyme leaves*
- *1/2 cup fat-free (skim) milk*
- *1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice*
- *Chives for garnish*

1. In 4-quart saucepan, melt margarine or butter over medium heat. Add onion, and cook, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in chicken broth, frozen peas, lettuce, salt, pepper, thyme and 1 cup water; heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Stir in milk.

2. In blender at low speed, with center part of cover removed to allow steam to escape, blend pea mixture in small batches until smooth. Pour soup into large bowl after each batch. Return soup to same saucepan. Heat through. Stir in lemon juice, and remove from heat. Transfer soup to serving bowl; garnish with chives.

• Each serving: 120 calories, 3g total fat (1g saturated), 1mg cholesterol, 835 mg sodium, 17g carbohydrates, 8g protein.

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Strange BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• If you've ever suffered from thermostat wars at your office, you might be interested in the following fact: Those who research such things conducted a study in 2004 on office temperatures. The results showed that workers were less productive and made more mistakes when office temperatures dropped from 77 F to 68 F.

• Anyone who has read her works will not be surprised to learn that it was 19th- century novelist Jane Austen, one of the most widely read and best-loved writers in British literature, who made the following observation: "There certainly are not so many men of large fortune in the world as there are pretty women to deserve them."

• You might be unsurprised to learn that the word "mortgage" shares the same Latin root meaning as the terms "rigor mortis" and "mortician." "Mortgage" literally means "death pledge."

• Records indicate that in 1925, movie stuntmen (and yes, they were all men in those days) earned $7 to $8 per day for basic stunts. They got extra pay for certain activities, though; jumping from an airplane to a train was worth $150, for instance. Any stuntman who parachuted out of an exploding plane would get $500, and it was worth $1,500 to crash a plane into a house or a tree. Considering the state of technology and safety standards of the day, it's no wonder that between 1925 and 1930, 55 people were killed while performing movie stunts, and another 10,000 were injured.

• Every year the town of Brevard in North Carolina celebrates its unusual local fauna with an entire festival dedicated to white squirrels. Yes, squirrels.

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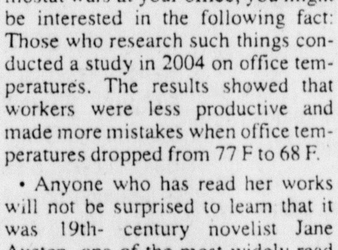
Thought for the Day: "An ostentatious man will rather relate a blunder or an absurdity he has committed, than be debarred from talking of his own dear person." — *Joseph Addison*



American adventurer Jim Bowie, who fell at the Alamo in 1836, actually adopted Mexican citizenship in 1830, two years after moving to what we now know as Texas.

Fave Foods OF THE FAMOUS
by Steven Austin

Rich Freeda photo

Chris Jericho

Already a World Wrestling Entertainment legend at a young age, Chris Jericho's loyal fans around the world always expect the unexpected from him. As a new up-and-comer and eventual world champion, his talent and showmanship were unrivaled, and now that he is retired from the squared circle, his other professional endeavors — including writing, movie acting, singing and TV/radio work — have the same level of energy, commitment and success. Jericho grew up in Canada, and now has homes in Los Angeles and Tampa, Fla. His new book, "A Lion's Tale: Around the World in Spandex," has become an instant best-seller, and is available everywhere. To learn more: www.chrisjericho.com and www.hbgusa.com

Your wildest restaurant meal ever:

"Probably in Japan. There was a sushi restaurant, and at one point the sponsor who took us there asked me to take a bite of this sushi, and it was the worst, gelatinous piece of fish poop ever. He asked me to finish it because it was $750 per piece! They also had blowfish there. It's the fish that could possibly poison you, so it's like a game of Russian roulette. Then there was this lobster that was cooked alive, and you could hear it screaming, 'eeeeeeemmmmm.' after which its eyes popped off. So I just drank water that night."

Fellow wrestler who could eat the most at one sitting. And tell us about one with an offbeat eating habit.

"In Japan, The Warlord ate 37 plates of roast beef. We kept the plates and didn't send them back. There were stacks of plates like books in a library. This was an all-you-can-eat place, but most buffets in Japan say 'No sumos or wrestlers allowed.'

"The Ultimate Warrior wouldn't eat dessert, he would smell it. He would crush a cookie and sniff it and then throw it away. He never ate it, just smelled it, and that was his version of eating dessert."

Who's the boss in the Jericho family kitchen, and what's the specialty of the house?

"The cooking is split between my wife and myself. I do all the barbecuing, like steaks, chicken and salmon. My wife makes great pizza, awesome spaghetti. We eat the same five things, usually. I know what I like. My specialty is a nice barbequed steak with garlic toast, then some Don Perignon and cherries jubilee."

Give us a healthy eating tip that's good for everyone.

"Try to avoid sugars as much as possible. Eat carbs, but it's the sugar that really gets you, like that you find in candy and junk foods. Also, try not to eat after 8 o'clock at night."

And when it's time for a guilty treat?

"Cherry pie and ice cream."

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- *3 cloves garlic, minced*
- *1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar*
- *2 1/2 teaspoons chili powder*
- *1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed*
- *1/4 teaspoon black pepper*

Place steak in a shallow baking dish and season with salt. Combine all other ingredients and pour over steak, turn to coat, and cover with plastic wrap. Let stand at room temperature for 10 minutes. Preheat grill for medium/high heat. Remove steak from dish, reserving marinade. Place meat on grill and cook for 13-15 minutes. Brush often with reserved marinade during cooking process. When meat reaches desired doneness, remove from heat and allow to sit for a few minutes before slicing.

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TSG No.: 3440253 TS No.: 20079134006855 FHA/VA/PMI No.: Notice Of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 5/18/2005 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/26/2007 at 12:45 PM First American Loanstar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/31/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0025271-00, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California. Executed by: John Brooks, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 046-291-01-1 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2900 Ironwood Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $344,901.57 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. Date: 12/5/2007 First American Title Insurance Company First American LoanStar Trustee Services 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 First American Loanstar Trustee Services may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Original document signed by Authorized Agent Chet Sconyers – For Trustee's Sale Information Please Call (714) 573-1965 P336495 12/5, 12/12, 12/19/2007

Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Aim Cat Consulting, 1797 Linden Road, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Catherine S. Mills, same address..

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 17, 2007.

/s/Catherine S. Mills

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TS # CA-07-100896-DD Loan # 0013141197 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/19/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): TEJUNE KANG, A SINGLE PERSON Recorded: 12/27/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0063709-00 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California; Date of Sale: 1/8/2008 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $447,956.71 The purported property address is: 533N HARBOR BOULEVAR WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 Assessors Parcel No. 014-043-28-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 12/18/2007 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: (714) 573-1965 or Login to: www.prioritypostng.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 3704 Priority Web Service, If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This notice is sent for the purpose of collecting a debt. This firm is attempting to collect a debt on behalf of the holder and owner of the note. Any information obtained by or provided to this firm or the creditor will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. P342661 12/19, 12/26, 01/02/2008

Trustee Sale No.: 20070134008930 Title Order No.: 1145818 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/13/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDex West, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 10/25/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0053405-00 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California. Executed By: Ashiana Begum and Dhiraj Shandil, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). Date of Sale: 1/8/2008 Time of Sale: 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Street Address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3730 Silverwood Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691 APN#: 072-092-24-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $402,557.45. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. For Trustee Sale Information Please Call: Priority Posting & Publication 17501 Irvine Blvd., Suite One Tustin, CA 92780 714-573-1965 www.prioritypostng.com NDex West, LLC as Authorized Agent Dated: 12/18/2007 NDex West, LLC may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. P341692 12/19, 12/26, 01/02/2008

Trustee's Sale Number: 45515 TSG #: 3451225 Notice of Trustee's Sale Notice YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED July 28, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 8, 2008, at 12:45 PM, At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, Alliance Title Company, as duly appointed trustee, will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described property situated in Yolo County, California: 1530 Pennsylvania Ave, West Sacramento CA 95691 – APN(s) 058-073-06-1. The Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said Sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto), executed by Gloria S Macias, an unmarried woman, as trustor, and recorded August 9, 2005, as Instrument Number 2005-0038862-00 in the office of the Yolo County Recorder. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be $217,529.21, provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances, fees and any additional sums due under the terms of the Note will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. Date: December 19, 2007 Alliance Title Company, Trustee 209 Kearny Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108 (415) 263-4300 By: Brandon L. Torrez, Authorized Signature Sale Information at 714-573-1965 or logon to www.prioritypostng.com Use TS Number 45515 P343334 12/19, 12/26, 01/02/2008

TS # CA-07-86021-JB Loan # 0003788742 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/14/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): MARVIN HALEY, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 12/26/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0050722-00 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California; Date of Sale: 1/15/2008 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $485,542.62 The purported property address is: 2768 Mojave Drive West Sacramento, CA 95691 Assessors Parcel No. 046-452-12-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 12/21/2007 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: (714) 573-1965 or Login to: www.prioritypostng.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 3704 Priority Web Service, If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This notice is sent for the purpose of collecting a debt. This firm is attempting to collect a debt on behalf of the holder and owner of the note. Any information obtained by or provided to this firm or the creditor will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. P342743 12/26, 1/2, 01/09/2008

Trustee Sale No.: 20070161904786 Title Order No.: 1145881 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/14/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDex West, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 07/06/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0032101-00 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California. Executed By: Brian Michael Bick, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). Date of Sale: 1/8/2008 Time of Sale: 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the north entrance to the West Sacramento City Hall located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA Street Address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1515 & 1517 Pennsylvania, West Sacramento, CA 95691 APN#: 058-056-21-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $323,806.10. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. For Trustee Sale Information Please Call: Priority Posting & Publication 17501 Irvine Blvd., Suite One Tustin, CA 92780 714-573-1965 www.prioritypostng.com NDex West, LLC as Authorized Agent Dated: 12/18/2007 NDex West, LLC may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. P341705 12/19, 12/26, 01/02/2008

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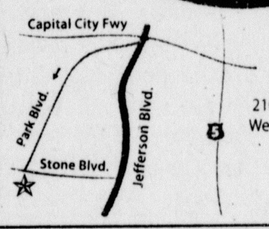

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News-Ledger Directory of Local Places of Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m.	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St., 371-8804 10 a.m. Worship/Sunday School Friendly, inclusive faith language, Progressive thealogy/theology LGBT, Interfaith folks welcome	**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church** 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father Jos. Karikattil, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. No Mass on Thursday
Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Praise & worship 10:45 a.m. Junior church for all ages at 11 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** Frank Hightower, Elder 519-5329 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. 372-6570
Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 9am: Family-Friendly Contemporary Service 11am: Blended Traditional & Contemporary Service	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Pastor Giancarlo Mittempergher Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Don Parker Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. Call 372-7818. Meets at Bridgeway Island Elem. School 3255 Half Moon Bay Cir. www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**New Discovery Christian Church** Now meeting at Bryte Elem. School, 637 Todhunter Ave., West Sacramento at 10:30 a.m. Nondemoninational. Casual dress. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 933-2351
Horizon Christian Fellowship Rev. Claude J Perez, Sr., Pastor 1800 Manzanita Way, 371-3458 SUN Worship 9:30 & 11 am SUN Worship & Prayer 6pm WED Bible Study 7pm THURS Youth Group 7pm 1st & 3rd FRI Singles 7pm 2nd FRI Women's Fellowship 7pm	**Radiant Life Church of West Sacramento** 3605 Gregory Ave (in Southport, where Jefferson, Davis & Gregory meet) Worship Sun. 10 a.m. Youth Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Call 371-6706	**Fresh Oil KingdomMinistries** Meeting every Sunday at 3pm Turner Library Community Rm 1212 Merkley Ave (916) 617-4377 Bible-based ministry. Pastors: William & Rachel Wiley Bible study each Wed. 7pm, 1479 Barona St., W Sac.

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Local Scene

Free luncheon

You're invited to join the First Southern Baptist Church of West Sacramento for a free family meal on Christmas Day between noon and 1:30 p.m. There will be chicken, gravy, and all the trimmings available for up to 100 people. Drop in at 2124 Michigan Blvd. For information, leave a message at 371-2111.

Christmas lights

The residents of West Sacramento's Call Court once again offer to entertain you with their holiday light decorations. Visit by taking Jefferson Boulevard south to Higgins, turn right, then turn left on Mareca to get to Call Court. You're invited to bring an unwrapped child's toy or a can of food to their collection cans – your donations will go to a local charity.

More Christmas lights

The Quarnberg and Stanko households at 1238 and 1233 Sullivan Court in West Sacramento invite you to come by and enjoy their holiday displays. There's a gingerbread village, twinkling snowflakes, skaters on a lighted pond and more. Sullivan is off of Fourness, near Hobson and Anna.

Used cooking oil?

Pouring your used cooking oil down the drain can cause sewer systems to back up, warns the City of West Sacramento. You can recycle that used cooking oil leftover from holiday cooking, from Nov. 13 to Jan. 11, at the public works department, 1951 South River Road, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bring the oil in a sturdy container. No charge for city residents; bring photo I.D. The service will also be available Sat., Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 617-4850.

Candy for kids

Sacramento West Kiwanis Club (formerly the Kiwanis Club of West Sacramento) has opened its "Kandy Shack" at 1510 Merkley Avenue. The club is selling See's candy to raise funds to take at least 50 children age 9-11 to camp for a week in July.

E-waste fundraiser

Our Lady of Grace School is collecting old electronic equipment for recycling, and helping to raise funds to send "young ambassadors" to Ireland. Bring your old computer monitors, TVs, computers, VCRs, stereo equipment, keyboards, PDAs, digital cameras, phones, printers, copiers and fax machines to the school at 1990 Linden Road from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12. The partner, CEAR Inc., will shred hard drives for security. For information (or to arrange a pick-up if you can't make it that day) call Christopher or Cathy Baker at 955-2094 or cathybaker63@aol.com.

Christmas Eve

Trinity Presbyterian Church plans two Christmas Eve celebrations on Monday, Dec. 24 at 1500 Park Blvd. At 5 p.m. there will be a family-friendly service featuring the Christmas story in drama and song, along with singing together and gifts for children. At 9 p.m. there will be a more traditional candlelight service with carols, instruments, music and readings, ending with sharing of candles. Sunday worship services are 9 and 11 a.m. For information, call 371-5875 or visit www.TrinityWestSac.org.

Faiths meet

The fifth annual "Celebration of Abraham" is planned for 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27, at Community Hall in St. James Catholic Church, 1275 B St., Davis. The interfaith event invites people who believe in the God of Abraham and who see Abraham as a spiritual father – representatives of the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths will discuss the theme "Between Fear and Trust."

Crab feed

The West Sacramento Moose Lodge will host a Cajun all-you-can-eat crab feed with no-host cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner ($35) at 7 p.m. at 3240 Jefferson Blvd. on Jan. 12. There will be music for listening & dancing by Ron Bombardier and the Bayou Boys. Tickets in advance only: call Buddy at 371-6303 or 718-4175.

Health award

The Salud Clinic Advisory Board is accepting nominations for the annual John Siden Community Service Award, honoring an individual in a health-related field who serves the community of West Sacramento well, or an individual who has contributed to the health and welfare of the community. For information on nominating someone, call Celestino Mojica at 375-6340.

Medicare info

Yolo County District Attorney reports that open enrollment for Medicare lasts through Dec. 31, allowing people with Medicare to enroll in a program for health care and drug coverage. Seniors should be aware that some salespeople use high-pressure tactics – exercise caution when letting someone into your home. For help from the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program of Northern California (HICAP), contact the West Sacramento Senior Center at 376-8915. You can also get information at www.medicare.gov or www.opa.ca.gov (California Office of the Patient Advocate, 1-866-466-8900.

Parents & kids

"Mother Goose on the Loose" is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings at the Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, and promises stories and other interactive activities for children up to 36 months and their parents and caregivers. You and your small child are invited.

Spare a coat?

News 10 is bringing back its "Coats for Kids" program, asking you to donate coats for cleaning (if needed) by Swanson'ts Cleaners and then distribution to needy kids before winter. Visit news10.net for information on drop-off sites, and to learn how to make a cash donation instead. For other information, call the coat hotline at (916) 321-3362.

How to get there

'You've got places to go... how do you want to get there?' asks the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, or SACOG. The organization helps make decisions on regional transportation plans including roads, bike trails and mass transit. You're invited to comment on the "Metropolitan Transportation Plan and environmental impact report. The plan will allocate billions of dollars in funds towards the region's transportation system. Visit www.sacog.org before Dec. 20, or call (916) 321-9000 for more information.

Toy 'library'

Did you know West Sacramento has a "toy library," where families can check out up to five toys at a time for two weeks? A $10 annual fee makes you a member. The library is opened weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the first floor of city hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Contact Christine Prater at 617-4620 for information. The toy library also accepts your donated gently-used toys or your monetary contribution (tax deductible).

Polynesian Dance

Learn traditional steps of Polynesian dance, at the 7-8 p.m. Thursday evening classes continuing at the Alyce Norman Elementary School cafeteria (1200 Anna Street). Call (916) 708-7347 or email leannb@cityofwestsacramento.org.

Solar cooking

'A Day in the Sun,' an 18-minute program on solar cooking, can be seen on Charter Cable TV Channel 21 daily at 6:30 and 11:30 p.m.

Leisure showcase

Various leisure and recreational opportunities will all be on display for you at the Leisure Horizons Showcase, 1-4 p.m. on Friday, January 4, at city hall. Call (916) 708-7347 for information or to sign up your leisure service for a booth.

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Moose Family Center kicks in to help Christmas Basket Project

The West Sacramento Moose Family Center recently contributed $1,580 to the West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project. Pictured from left to right are Terri Ganz, Helena Helmold and Debbie Norton-Johnson. The Moose would like to thank everyone in the community who donated raffle prizes and supported the 3rd annual taco fundraiser which made the donation to the Christmas Basket Project possible.

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Make Plans for 2008

With the New Year coming, it's a good time to do a little review and planning. What do you want to accomplish next year?

Have you contributed your story to the Veterans History Project? (This isn't the same as the National WWII Memorial's Registry of Remembrances. The Veterans History Project covers all wars, not just WWII.) You can contribute via audio or video, or written personal narrative, old letters or some visuals, like photos. Get specific info at www.loc.gov/vets or call 1-888-371-5848.

Do you live near a VA hospital? Call volunteer services and put in some time. Maybe you'll be asked to drive a golf cart around the parking lot picking up veterans coming in for medical care who might have a hard time walking that far. Maybe you'll be asked to just to talk to one guy who never gets any company or mail. Ask about providing transportation to veterans who can't get in for medical care.

Are your affairs in order? If something happens to you, do your loved ones know where your paperwork is? Is it organized? Make it easy on them and take care of that business now.

Are you getting all the benefits you're entitled to? If you've tried and were turned down, pull in a little help (call the American Legion Service Officer in your area or go to www.legion.org) and try again. Check www.govbenefits.gov online for programs you might be eligible for, or call them at 1-800-333-4636.

Assemble all your medals. A little scruffy and battered? Order a set of replacements.

Know a young veteran's family that might be going through tough times right now? Send a grocery store gift card anonymously through the mail. That's something they can always use.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• You might be surprised to learn that Radio Shack, that purveyor of high-tech goodies and gadgets, was founded way back in 1921.

• Garth Brooks is a legend in country music; his recent comeback single, "More Than a Memory," became the highest-debuting single on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart, hitting No. 1 on its first appearance in September. Many people don't realize, though, that not very long before his record-setting debut album, "Garth Brooks," was released, he was still working as a salesman in a boot store.

• If you ever travel to Penrose, Colo., be sure to check out the 21-foot-tall, 9,100-pound rocking chair that can be found there.

• It was French author and diplomat Jean Giraudoux,who made the following sage observation: "The secret of success is sincerity. Once you can fake that, you've got it made."

• Have you ever pulled an all-nighter? You know, stayed up all night to write a term paper or finish that all-important presentation for your boss? If so, you know how difficult it can be to stay awake — and you're likely to be appalled by the world record for sleep deprivation. A man in Great Britain once stayed awake for 11 days straight. He probably didn't have to be productive during that time period, though — at least, I hope he didn't. He claims that after five days he started seeing "giggling, dancing pixies and elves." Don't try this at home, folks.

• If you're like the average American, the amount of paper you use in one year is the equivalent of what could be made by processing a 100-foot-high tree that's 16 inches in diameter.

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Thought for the Day: "The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other." — *Ronald Reagan*